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PRESSURE GROWS

Report by Naomi Penrose

PRESSURE is growing on health bosses to abandon plans which could see Oswestry's maternity unit downgraded to a birthing centre.

A key health seminar on Mon-day heard from mothers who have used midwife-led maternity units at Oswestry, Ludlow and Bridgnorth and who have started a campaign calling for the services to remain unchanged.

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Meanwhile, community activists this week
formed a new group to fight health cuts.
Oswestry Defend Our NHS says it will be campaigning over a number of issues including
keeping a full maternity service.
And in a further boost to the maternity battle, North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson and
Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner say they back campaigners in their fight.
At the seminar on Monday, campaigner Liz
Grayston told health bosses of her experience of
using the unit and spelt out why she had started
her Save Oswestry Maternity Unit campaign.

Downgrading

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Campaigners are worried that a downgrading of the service would mean mothers would be unable to have overnight stays and those in labour out-of-hours would have to telephone an on-call midwife to open up the unit up.

Speaking after the seminar, Msrs Grayston said: "What I really took from the conference was that nationally community hubs are the way forward, something to a large extent we have here in Shropshire and what other areas aspire to have, so it would be ridiculous if that changed.

"Despite fearing for the future of our units, it does appear as though Shropshire is leading

Now Mrs Grayston is calling for a public consultation on the county's rural units in order for campaigners to make their points "loud and clear"

The battle to maintain maternity services will also be a key priority for the new Oswestry Defend Our NHS group, members said this week. The new group is headed up by Neil Gra-ham from St Martins and Barry Edwards from Oswestry.

Oswestry.

The group has published a leaflet which sets out a pledge that it will campaign to ensure a full maternity service for Oswestry.

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson this week threw his weight behind the maternity

campaign.

Mr Paterson said for routine, non-emergency births, the nearer to home mothers give birth, the better.

Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner also backed the

campaign this week and he confirmed Mr Paterson had invited him and Mrs Grayston to a meeting next month where they will have an opportunity to question health officials.

Support – See Page 3

Gemma's crafty way to protest against Trump



Gemma Manning-Bentley is hosting a 'craftivism' event in Oswestry in protest at President Trump. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

AN anti-Trump protest will take place in Oswestry – but forget marching and placards, think more cross-stitch and crochet.

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Gemma Manning-Bentley, who runs Gemmipop Designs in Oswestry, will host an evening of 'craftivism' tomorrow night (Friday) in a bid to promote solidarity and positivity against President Donald Trump and

his controversial policies.

Trump's decision to stop people from several mainly Muslim countries entering the US

eral mainty Muslim countries entering the Oshas caused outrage.

Feminist, crafter and jewellery maker Gemma, aged 32, said the idea of the gentle protest is to channel any negative energy and feelings into something positive.

She said: "Over the past few months and

more recently I've been feeling pretty helpless by what's going on in the world. "It's been a really frustrating and confusing

"But one thing I have noticed is that many other people I know feel the same way, so that's what made me decide to organise the

evening.

"It will be a chance for people to get together over tea and cake, while working on something.

"The sim really is for people not to feel

The after reasy is for people not to reer isolated in their concerns and be brought together and focus on creating something positive.

"It's about turning the negativity into something good."

In the run-up to the event, Gemma has been creating badges and cross-stitch with anti-Trump messages, as well as messages of positivity and hope, with everything from 'Crafters against Trump' to 'Let Love Trump Hate' and 'Make Tea Not Walls'.

The evening of craftivism is taking place from 7pm

from 7pm.

It is free to attend but Gemma asks people

It is free to attend but Gemma asks people to give what they can spare with any donations going towards a women's charity.

Gemma's studio, which she shares with her sister Hollie Manning of Pamper Treat Repeat, is on Willow Street in Oswestry, above BetFred and Vicious Pink tattoo studio. For further details, follow Gemma on Facebook by searching Gemmipop Designs.

CRIME

Police make witness plea after armed raid at town shop

POLICE say they are remaining open minded on whether an armed robbery at a shop in Oswestry at the weekend is linked to a raid at another shop in the town seven days earlier.

A masked man robbed a convenience store at knifepoint in the latest in a series of armed robberies to hit Oswestry. The man beyond into the Counstone of Case

store at knifepoint in the latest in a series of armed robberies to hit Oswestry. The man barged into the Co-op store on Castle Street on Saturday night, leant over the till, and managed to flee with money. The robbery is the fourth in five months where convenience stores in Oswestry have been targeted. Police say the robber was a white man, in his mid 30s or 40s, around 6ft tall, and of skinny build.

He was said to be wearing blue jeans, a grey zip up hooded top, with a blue scarf or mask covering his face. West Mercia Police say he may have had a small blade or knife on him at the time. Nobody was injured during the incident. It was reported at about 7.50pm and the store remained closed until Sunday morning. Last week there was an attempted robbery at Top Shop in Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, where a shopkeeper used a wooden pole to chase off a knife-wielding man. Detective Sergeant David Meyer of West Mercia Police said: "While there is nothing to suggest a link to previous robberies at this stage, we will remain open minded as investigations continue and I urge anyone with information that could help to contact police as soon as possible."

ENVIRONMENT

Bags of dumped waste cleared up

NEARLY 50 bags of illegally dumped waste were cleared up in Welshpool over the weekend.

The sacks of fly-tipped rubbish were cleared as part of an operation by town council staff. The piles of rubbish were found behind Welshpool Town Hall and in the Foundry Lane area of the town, leading to fresh concerns about the region's fly-tipping problem.

Those involved in the clean-up also re-

moved a substantial amount of smashed glass left by people out drinking on Saturday night.

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Crash leads to further calls for A5 road improvements

Report by Naomi Penrose

FRESH calls have been made for a notorious accident blackspot to be upgraded following the lat-

est in a series of crashes.

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson said the latest crash on the Shotatton crossroads on the A5 near Oswestry emphasised the "desperate need" for the road to be dualled.

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A man in his 20s was taken to Royal
Shrewsbury Hospital with minor injuries
after his car rolled over on the road shortly
after 2am on Friday.

Mr Paterson said: "It's an absolutely
abysmal road. The only solution is to have a

auysmaı road. The only solution is to have a proper dual carriageway in both directions. "Thankfully this man only suffered minor injuries but that's not always the case, many of my constituents have been affected by death and injuries on this stretch of road.

"The road being brought up to a modern standard would save lives and the trauma it causes friends and family following an accident."

accident."
Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Paul Mil-ner described the Shotatton crossroads as "lethal" and said he backed Mr Paterson's

"lethal" and said he backed Mr Paterson's call for the road to be turned into a dual carriageway. He said: "Too many accidents and too many lives have been lost on that stretch of road, and I think something needs to be done about the road sooner rather than

done about the Samuel Causes people from Oswestry who are travelling to A&E to get there slower because it's such a poor road."

It comes in the same week Mr Paterson confirmed that a date had been set for when roads minister John Hayes will visit the

county.

Mr Hayes will visit Shropshire on March 2, accepting an invitation from the Conservative MP, as part of his 20-year long campaign to see the A5, particularly the stretch between the Nesscliffe bypass and the North Wales border, upgraded to a dual carriageway.

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The minister will be driven along the stretch of the A5 north of Shrewsbury which is the only single carriageway section of the Trans-European Highway between Dover and Holyhead.

West Mercia Police and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service attended the crash on Friday.

Chippie change – for the first time in 32 years



Vicky and Chris Paterson have taken over Tinsleys fish and chip shop in Gobowen. Photo: John Sambrooks.

A CHIP shop has changed hands for the first time in 32 years.

Chris and Kath Tinsley have handed over the reins of the chip shop in Gobowen to Chris and Vicky Paterson to concentrate on their other family business, CKs printing and embroidery.

It is the end of an era for the Tinsleys who say they have enjoyed being part of the community and living above the shop.

BEFORE

AFTER

"Our children grew up living above the chip shop – our son was even born there," Mr Tinsley said.

The couple became well known for their fundraising for local charities, such as Der-wen College and national ones like Break-through Breast Cancer.

Mr Tinsley says that he was the first in the area to offer special takeaway children's meals, complete with a sticker and a lolly.

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The takeaway business has changed in the past three decades but the couple say they enjoyed the business. "When we began we were still wrapping

"When we began we were som wrapping fish and chips in newspaper, something you simply can not do today," he said. "There is also such a wide variety of dif-ferent takeaway businesses today.

"I introduced my homemade chicken curry onto the menu many years ago too."

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A SPINAL injury patient being treated at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital was in hospital for almost a year until a care package could be put in place

The case was named in a report about the longest delays for patients being released home. A recent BBC investigation used the Freedom of investigation used the Freedom of Information Act to discover that 130 patients have waited 100 days or longer to be discharged from hospital over the past three years. A patient at the hospital waited 324 days to be released – one of the longest delays in the country. the country.

the country.

Beverley Tabernacle, director of nursing at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, said: "It is unfortunate when a patient suffers a delay in the transfer of their care out of a hospital setting, and there can be many reasons why that can happen. This case relates to a spinal injury patient, whose needs were complex and chalcase relates to a spinal nijuri patient, whose needs were complex and challenging. The individual made great progress in the care of our spinal injuries team and was assessed as being fit to go home in late 2015. However, this was dependent on an appropriate care package being in place, and during this time the action of the progression of the complex progression. tare package being in place, and uniing this time the patient's needs were
constantly evolving, requiring further
assessment. I am happy to say that, in
no small part down to the hard work
of our dedicated team, this person has
been able to leave hospital."

Police boss gives view on station

WEST Mercia's Police and Crime Commissioner says he is in favour of officers sharing buildings with other organisations.

John Campion was quizzed over the future of Oswestry police station at a meeting of the town council and said that, with the investment in the CCTV headquarters at the station in Park Street, he did not envisage the building being cald. building being sold.

"There has been a lot of money spent on the CCTV control room."

Howice Mr Campion said he was very much in favour of organisations sharing resources, including build-

'In Whitchurch there is a scheme "In Whitchurch there is a scheme to move the police station to the fire station building," he said.
"I understand this is progressing and is now subject to planning approval."

Report says patient was hit by delay maternity campaigners

SUPPORT continues to grow for a campaign calling for Oswestry's maternity unit to be safe-

guarded for the future.

Health bosses are reviewing midwife-led maternity units in Shropshire and plans could see the units downgraded to birthing centres.

That would mean mothers would be unable to have overnight stays and those in labour out-of-hours would have to telephone an on-call midwife to open up the unit up. Parents who have used the Oswestry unit have started a campaign opposing the move. Oswestry campaign leader Liz Grayston this week called on the public to keep signing and sharing the online Save Oswestry Maternity Unit petition, which has attracted more than 1,800 signatures so far. The battle was given a boost thanks to support from North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson and Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner as well as support from the newly formed Oswestry Defend Our NHS organisation. Group members said the maternity unit issue would be a key priority. Oswestry Defend Our NHS meets in the Bailey Head put on the first Tuesday of the month at That would mean mothers would be una

Detend Our NHS meets in the Bailey Head pub on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

A seminar was held on Monday to discuss maternity services. Women whose births are considered low risk in Shropshire will

continue to have choice about where to give birth, the county's leading midwife vowed. Sarah Jamieson said she recognised the importance of birth choice and for women to give birth close to home. She said: "Our aim, when implementing the recommenda-tions of the review, is to maintain choice for all low-risk women, giving them the option of giving birth at home, at a midwife led unit or at our consultant led unit. "We also want to explore the creation of

"We also want to explore the creation of community hubs where women could access clinics and appointments closer to their home. But to do this we will need to work differently and we have begun to explore how we might do this. The key message from the conference was that we should ensure continuity of carer for women during all stages of their pregnancy, labour and birth and that, in order to do this, we need to provide staffing for our women, rather than concentrate on staffing a building. This key message was reinforced at the conference by our speakers from both Portsmouth and Powys."

Farmer hits out over traveller site plan



Farmer John Wigley is battling plans for a traveller site on land he uses at Park Hall near Oswestry

A FARMER who risks losing out on land his animals have grazed on for more than 20 years says he will fight council plans for a traveller site to be built on it.

John Wigley spoke out against Shropshire Council plans for the change of use of the land to create up to six traveller pitches, along with two amenity blocks. The development would be on fields adjacent to Mr Wigley's Drenewydd Farm at Park Hall, near Oswestry. His family have rented the fields from the

council for many years and he says they help support the last remaining dairy farm in the village.

He said: "Over the years we have lost other pieces of ground at Park Hall to housing and other projects and this represents another reduc-tion in the area of the land farmed, squeezing the business still further. The fields which we rent from the council are an integral part of our farm which is sadly the last remain-ing dairy farm in the village."

the second traveller site in Park Hall – the first of which was granted an extension for 10 extra pitches in 2011.

Residents have launched a camhesidelits have faultitude a campaign objecting to the plans. They have set up the Park Hall Against Development Facebook page. More than 90 objections have been raised on Shropshire Council's planning portal and nearly 200 letters of objection have also been collected in the village. A decision on the plans ng dairy farm in the village." the village. A decision on the plans
If plans are approved, it will be is expected on February 28.

NEWS IN BRIEF 3

Lord Hague is the school lunch guest

FORMER Conservative Party leader William Hague will be the guest speaker at a school's annual business

Lord Hague of Richmond will at-tend the event organised by Moreton Hall School near Oswestry on March

17.

The prestigious lunch is an annual event which, over the last seven years, has become a firm fixture in the business diaries of Shropshire and regional business leaders. Impressive past guest speakers include Zanny Minton Beddoes, editor of The Economist and Fiona Marshall, brand marketing director of ASOS and Lord Dichy, Joses former Director General. Digby Jones, former Director General of the CBI.

To book, contact Melissa Evans at Moreton Hall at evansm@moreton-

Family is focus of half term fun

FAMILY will be the focus of half term activities taking place in Welshpool. Powysland Museum in Welshpool will host the 'My Family' activities with crafts including paint a plate and make a dream-catcher, puzzles and activities relating to family and the museum's current exhibition.

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The activities take place between 11.30am and 2pm on Tuesday, and are aimed at children aged three and

Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

companied by an adult.

The cost is £3 per child.

In order for the activities to be planned, those wanting their child/children to attend are asked to book their places by calling (01938) 554656.

Ponds for wildlife is subject of talk

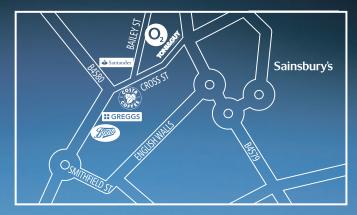
NORTH Shropshire & Borders Small-holding and Country Living Group will hear from Sue Tatman at its next meeting.

The talk will be about ponds for wildlife.

The meeting is on Wednesday next week at The Bradford Arms at Llany-mynech starting at 7.30pm. As usual anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along. The cost for vis-

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operator.

The charity which cares for the

mercial mooring in the heart of the Trevor Basin at the northern end of the aqueduct

At present there are limited for-The charity which cares for the World Heritage Site at Pontcysylle mal catering facilities on the site and the trust say this represents an "outstanding opportunity" to provide an additional service to the 300,000 people who visit the site

efitting from external seating in the busy summer months and offering a cosy warming indoor environment during winter.

They said they are seeking a proposal that is "exciting, innovative and complements the World Heritage Status" of the area,

Mike Grimes, head of boating org.uk

opportunity to set up a ing floating cafe in an absolutely jaw-dropping location. Boaters, cy-clists and walkers from across the country and beyond make the journey to marvel at Thomas Telford's

spectacular Pontcysyllte Aqueduct."
Any queries should be directed to richard.beardsley@canalrivertrust

Official launch lined up for town business initiative

Report by Sue Austin

right road

MP Glyn Davies found himself being pulled up by police – after getting lost in road-works in Telford. The MP for Montgomeryshire had been driving home from Parliament after the

Brexit vote when he became disorientated.

Brexit vote when he became disorientated. He was diverted off the M54 in the early hours of Thursday last week because of late-night works.

"It was a nightmare," he said.

"I had been driving around for 30 minutes, becoming increasingly agitated and maybe erratic as I was studying every sign. I was becoming resigned to being stuck in Telford until the morning when I saw flashing blue lights.

"Police must have thought they had encountered a drunk driver.

router must have thought they had en-countered a drunk driver.

"After satisfying the police that I had had no drink at all and that I was who I said I was, officers guided me out of Telford and I was home by 2am."

A BUSINESS-led initiative with the potential to transform Oswestry's local economy is set for an official launch.

The Oswestry Business Improvement District, or BID, aims to create a collaborative vision for the town and boost and sustain its economic growth, meaning more jobs for the area.

If businesses vote to become an improvement district a small levy on business rates can If businesses vote to become an improvement district a small levy on ousniess raues can then be used to lever in outside funding for projects. Recently Oswestry Town Council agreed to a grant and a loan to the BID working party to begin consulting with businesses and the project will get its public launch on March 15. "This is a really important moment for business in Oswestry," said BID

MP back on

ment for business in Oswestry," said BID chair, Gary Ridgway.

"The possibility of a Business Improvement District is here, is real, and we now have the opportunity, as locally-based businesses to grasp it. If we do, then it will give those businesses not only a strong voice in the direction of the local economy, but the means to get things done. This will be of benefit to all who live and work in Oswestry."

The Oswestry BID launch is inviting all businesses based in Oswestry to go along to find out more about the BID process, timescales, challenges, opportunities and benefits.

benefits.

It will be a chance to meet the BID Working Group, along with partners from many local organisations, to ask questions and share experiences of running a business in

OSwestry.

The Oswestry BID launch takes place on March 15 at 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start at Carriages at the Cambrian Works, Gobowen Road, Oswestry.

For more information about Oswestry

BID and to be kept up to date with the lat-est developments, people are asked to email info@oswestry4bid.co.uk

Hole new way to mark border



Community Councillor John Lee Jenkins on one of the roads in the Ceiriog Valley

THE border between England and Wales is usually marked by a sign on the side of the

But on the Shropshire/Wrexham border a rural community says it is marked by pot-holes and flooded, muddy lanes.

Those who live on the Welsh side says that their English neighbours have country lanes that are kept in good condition by Shropshire Council.

But their roads, that lead up from the Ceiriog Valley are, they say, in a dreadful condition. Community Councillor John Lee Jenkins said: "You can see where the resur-

facing work by Shropshire Council finishes at what must be the border. On the Welsh side the road there hasn't been touched in years. There are potholes, the lanes flood and the mud is terrible."

In response, Wrexham Councillor David A Bithell said: "This area is inspected as per our routine maintenance procedures and any urgent repairs are undertaken as soon as possible."

He said that over the last three years, Wrexham had made significant progress in reducing the percentage of roads requiring repair.





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Dumped waste work leads to more fly-tipping worries

CONCERNS about an increase in fly-tipping have been raised after nearly 50 bags of illegally dumped waste were cleared in Welshpool.

The sacks of fly-tipped rubbish were cleared over the weekend as part of an

operation by town council staff.

The piles of rubbish were found behind Welshpool Town Hall and in the Foundry Lane area of the town.

Those involved in the clean-up also removed a substantial amount of smashed glass left

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Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robert Robinson, town clerk to Welshpool Town Council, said he believed the three-Robert Robert Ro

an increase in fly-tipping in the town. He said Powys County Council needed to look into the effect the reduction in refuse services has on communities that are af-

services has on communities that are affected by fly-tipping.

He said: "The thing is this all relates back to the three-weekly bin collections and on top of that, the opening hours of the recycling centre are going down to three days a week which isn't going to help matters. Moves like this result in more fly-tipping. "I don't know what planet the county council is on if it doesn't recognise that.

"We have done our best to get the rubbish cleared. Our lads cleared almost 50 sacks of rubbish on Saturday, as well as

sacks of rubbish on Saturday, as well as glass following a fight on the top of the high street in Saturday night."

Mr Robinson said Welshpool Town Coun-

Mr Robinson said weisippool 10Mi Council would now keep a record of how much rubbish is cleared from fly-tipping to make Powys County Council aware that instances of fly-tipping were on the rise.

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bins are being put in place in Welshpool over the next week. It comes after last week

over the next week. It comes after last week more than 20 bags filled with dog waste were found hanging from a tree, along the canal at the end of the playing fields, near to Flash Leisure Centre.

Councillor Graham Breeze criticised the culprits. He said: "it's absolutely unbelievable that someone would do this. It looks as though over a period of time someone.

Schools up for sale in council move

children - but two schools are now likely to

children – but two schools are now likely to be demolished after being put on the mar-ket for up to £1 million.

The former St Mary's CE School, at Dawsons Rough, near RAF Shawbury, and the former Maesbury Primary School near Oswestry have both been put on the market by Shropshire Council as it seeks to generate income from unwanted assets.

Maesbury closed in 2012 and is listed for sale as a "development opportunity" with a

Maesbury closed in 2012 and is listed for sale as a "development opportunity" with a guide price of £325,000.

The 1.42 acre site is described by Halls as "a most interesting development opportunity, subject to the receipt of relevant statutory consents".

"The school was built in the late 19th century with subsequent later additions," the firm said.
"It is of traditional construction incorpo-

"It is of traditional construction incorporating stone elevations beneath a tile roof cover. Internally the accommodation is cur-rently divided into three classrooms with a gym/dining hall, staff rooms and offices." Last year Shropshire Council confirmed

that it was in the process of reviewing all of its assets as it seeks to cope with an ever tightening budget and huge rises in the cost of providing adult social care.

The council has a number of properties

and pieces of land listed for sale on its web-

They include development land next to Mile End roundabout in Oswestry.

Talks held over access issue



TALKS have been held over how to resolve at that point. That, he said, would allow pa

TALKS have been held over how to resolve the problem of parked cars blocking access to a medical centre for those with wheel-chairs or mobility scooters. Oswestry Access Group has had talks with the town's primary care centre about cars lining the pavement.

The chairman of the group Roger Whitting held talks with an NHS property manager about the problems that patients with disabilities face trying to get to the centre off the Gobowen Road.

Mr Whitting said: "Our main discussions centred on the access when coming from

able that someone would do this. It looks as though over a period of time, someone has been doing this as part of a disgusting daily ritual because there's more than 20 bags there at least.

"Many people use the canal towpath for various activities, such as walking and running along it, we're all being encouraged to use it, so to see this sort of behaviour is just appalling, It beggars belief."

Last November, Welshpool Town Council took on the Street Scene Services in the town from Powys County Council, which includes dealing with fly-tipping, street cleaning, graffiti removal, litter bins, hedges and verges, as well as open spaces. centred on the access when coming from the Wilfred Owen Green and Shelf Bank." He said his first plea had been for a drop down kerb to be constructed and for cars to be banned from parking on the pavement

at that point. I hat, he said, would allow patients to have access from the green.

He added: "The second issue is the effect people parking on the pavement have on those with sight problems. Those with guide dogs need a clear pavement." He said there were also problems accessing the health centre from the Gobowen Road the health centre from the Gobowen Road traffic lights which involves crossing the Cambrian Railways railway line. Mr Whitting was joined at the meeting by Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner. He said: "The property manager spend a lot of time looking at possible solutions to fix our problems and took the time to walk to the other end of Wilfred Owen Green so that I could show her where the patients come from and how the parked cars mean we have to make a long detour."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Couldn't hide a wry smile when I read about Montgomery-shire MP Glyn Davies's dilemma when pulled over in his car by the police in Telford after getting lost in the diversions around a closed M54 in the early hours of

the morning.

I encountered the same M54 issue a little while back and also issue a little while back and also found myself hopelessly lost without the availability of a Sat Nav system to help me out on my way home from an evening kick-off at the "home of football", that is Molineux in Wolverhampthat is wollined in workerlaring-ton. But my smile had nothing to do with our MP's inability to find his way back to Berriew from a late-night session in the Com-mons. It was more to do with the memory of his last reported late night driving encounter with the law when he was discovered not to be wearing any trousers. But that's another story.

..... Enjoyed (no that's not the right word), let's say "experienced" my first session of Powys Council's cabinet in session last week when I went along determined to have my say on the receipting lesses in grayans. the recycling issues in my new role as a county councillor. And what an eye-opener it turned out to be. I learned an early lesson about protocol and procedures when informed that I should have sought permission to speak in advance. But thanks to the generosity of the Council Lead-er Barrie Thomas I was allowed to make my point anyway and was delighted to see a U-turn on household waste recycling centre closures

It's not the first piece of backtracking by the cabinet in recent weeks as public opinion grows on issues such as school clo-sures and cutbacks to services regarded as essentials. And it probably won't be the last. Someone suggested it might have something to do with May 4 but I couldn't possibly comment.

Social media attention was gripped by revelations about the location of Welshpool's new super school this week. But it's not really news that Powys County Council will use Welsh Government seems to be wild on Welsh ment money to build on Welsh-pool High School playing fields

and on the site of the current Maesydre School.

The furore surrounded fears that all the playing fields would be used to house the badly needed new school, which will be a major boost for English lan-guage pupils. Welsh speaking pupils will be taught at a smaller purpose-built school at Maesy-dre

dre.
The facts are that despite all The lacts are that despite air the decision-making no plans have actually been drawn up or at least revealed. And that means no plans have actually gone out for approval. So it's not too late to make the point. And it's not too late to object to the



The Local Government Association say two-thirds of councils will be forced to find greater savings



Councils in Shropshire have urged the Government



Councils are to be encouraged to build extra

Fresh plea over funding black hole for councils

The funding crisis faced by our councils shows no sign of shrinking. Report by DOMINIC ROBERTSON

COUNCILS have issued a fresh plea for extra funds amid warnings town halls face a £5.8 billion black hole by 2020.

The Local Government Association said two-thirds of councils will be forced to find greater savings than expected to plug funding gaps next year, with problems set to con-

The body representing councils across England and Wales called for new money to fund social care, claiming that many authorities would be left worse off as a result of reforms announced by minis-

result of reforms announced by ministers.

In recent weeks both Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council have called on the Government to reconsider its funding for adult social care.

Malcolm Pate, leader of Shropshire Council, has writen to communities secretary Sajid Javid to say: "We are rapidly reaching a point where we will be unable to afford adult social care alone."

Shaun Davies, leader of neighbouring Telford & Wrekin Council, has also spoken of the difficulties facing the authority, which has to reduce its budget by £35 million this year, having already made £100 million of cuts in recent years.

In December the Government said it would allow authorities to increase council tax by an extra three per cent to fund social care.

Councils can currently raise council tax by two per cent to pay for adult social

care.
Under the new Government plan, the three per cent rise will only be permitted if council's opt for a zero per cent rise in

Councils can currently raise tax by two per cent to pay for adult care under government funding arrangements

a third year. Councillor Pate has described the proposal as "rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic" and said the council would actually be worse off.

Mr Javid has also announced that a

MY Javid has also announced that a £240 million "adult social care support grant" will be created for 2017/18 by reforms to an existing scheme designed to encourage councils to build extra properties, known as the new homes bonus (NHB).

(NHB).
But early analysis by the LGA suggests 57 care authorities will be worse off as a result as they will lose more in NHB payments.
Changes to the NHB mean councils need to achieve housing growth of greater than 0.4 per cent to qualify.
The LGA said this will see 201 district councils lose out on NHB money they had planned for in 2017/18, push-

ing them closer to a "financial tipping point".

In a message to ministers before the final local government finance settlement for 2017/18 is confirmed, settlement for 2017/18 is confirmed, the LGA's Tory chairman Lord Porter said: "No new money from central government is being provided to councils in 2017/18. In fact, more than two-thirds of councils will actually be worse off next year than they were expecting. "Councils need the Government to reverse new homes bonus cuts next year and four the adult social care server.

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year and fund the adult social care services grant with new money.

"This would avoid councils from having to make deeper than expected cubacks to local services in 2017/18 and would provide some short-term support." to councils providing social care."

Lord Porter said that even by carry-

ing out huge cuts to services councils will still not be able to plug their funding gap. He said: "None of this changes the fact that all councils face an overall £5.8 billion funding gap by 2020.

"If councils stopped filling in potholes, maintaining parks and open spaces, closed all children's centres, libraries, museums, leisure centres, turned off every street light and shut all discretionary bus routes they would not have saved enough money to plug this gap by the end of the decade."

He added: "Genuinely new government money is also now the only way to protect the services carring for our elderly and disabled people and ensure they can enjoy dignified, healthy and independent lives, live in their own community and stay out of hospital for longer, and reduce the pressures on the NHS."

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Last week at Westminster we saw history in the making.

The House of Commons voted overwhelmingly to invoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, giving the Prime Minister the authority to begin negotiating the exit of the UK from the EU.

Over half of those MPs voting for the very finishing Article 50

Over half or those MPs voting in favour of invoking Article 50 had voted 'Remain' in the EU Referendum.

They have all decided to respect the decision made by the British people on June 23

British people on June 23.

Respect

I have huge respect for them.
They understand the meaning
of democracy.
There were of course some
MPs who were not willing to respect the people's decision, but
they were heavily outpumbared

they were heavily outnumbered. This is only the start of the pro-

The next stage will be consideration of the Bill (the Notification of Withdrawal Bill) in the House of Lords.

I would expect their Lordships to consider the Bill very carefully and suggest some tweaks and

changes.
This is the proper role of the House of Lords.
While some of their Lordships

will feel they have no need to respect the views of voters, I would be very surprised if any fundamental changes were to be made to the Bill.

The Prime Minister is keen that she can begin the process of ex-

she can begin the process of ex-iting the EU by the end of March.

Iting the EU by the end of March. It looks very much that this will be the case.

One of the most contentious issues is the status of EU nationals, living legally in the UK.

Most of us want them to be guaranteed the right to remain.

It is inconceivable that they

It is inconceivable that they

will be asked to leave the UK.

Personally I would have liked
to see their status guaranteed
now, to remove the uncertainty that many feel.

But the Government's view is that the other EU countries should guarantee the status of British nationals in their territories at the same time.

Logic

This Government stance is

based on logic. Unfortunately, some EU coun-

Unfortunately, some EU countries are not prepared to discuss this until Article 50 is invoked. This is very unfortunate.
But in my view there is no prospect of the UK ever refusing to guarantee long term residence, so we might as well do

idence, so we might as well do it anyway.

Whatever, I hope an agreement will be reached very soon.
I also hope the UKs exit from the EU will be conducted in

a positive way by both sides throughout the negotiation. Glvn Davies

Montgomeryshire MP

CAN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WITHHOLD WAGES BECAUSE MANAGER DIDN'T SIGN MY TIMESHEET?

Q: I have been temping through an agency since finishing Uni last summer. In the run-up to Christmas the firm I was working at was super busy and I put in a lot of extra hours in the last week. When I asked the manager to sign my timesheet, however, he refused. He said it shouldn't and couldn't have taken me as long as I made out it had to do the job and that I was late starting. As a result of this the agency withheld payment of my wages completely. Can they legally do this?

On the facts provided, the agency's failure to pay wages is a breach of the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business Regulations 2003. You are entitled to payment for the hours claimed and as your contract is with the agency, not the end client, the agency is responsible for making payment to you.

If there is a dispute regarding the hours worked the agency should investigate to ensure that the hours have been properly worked but this in itself is not a lawful ground for them to withhold payment from you. The agency could check the hours worked by speaking to other workers for example or requesting work records from the end client.

As to the allegation that you were late starting, the agency is still legally bound to pay you for the hours worked and cannot penalise you by withholding payment or paying a lower rate. The allegation could potentially lead to disciplinary action against you however and you may benefit from dropping into one of our free clinics and having a more in depth discussion with one of our employment law specialists, see details below.

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Treatment of Farage has been deplorable Single site off THERESA May seems to forget that if it

were not for Nigel Farage she would not now be, and probably never would be, Prime Minister. Her treatment of him since Brexit has

been deplorable.

It has been unkind, ungrateful and lacking in the most basic common courtesy and it is definitely not the behaviour one would expect from someone of a professed Christian faith.

As the daughter of a theologian, she really ought to know better.

It is also not the example one would ex-pect from a nation's leader. I had not antici-

pated being ashamed of her after her initial sterling performance as PM, but, she's a politician, so why am I not surprised at this quite appalling display of pettiness?

She is behaving like that ghastly group of men which runs the EU, arrogant and provided lister to what they have to provide the provided lister to what they have to provide the provided lister to what they have to provide the provided lister to what they have to provide the provided lister to what they have to provide the provided lister to what they have to provide the provided lister to the provided lister to the provided lister to the provided lister to provide the provide

pated being ashamed of her after her initial sterling performance as PM, but, she's a politician, so why am I not surprised at this quite appalling display of pettiness?

She is behaving like that ghastly group of men which runs the EU, arrogant and small-minded. Listen to what they have to say, and then decide if Mr Farage is really the one who is behaving badly.

This man has been treated with the most extraordinary contempt, rudeness and vilification by the media, to which he has mostly responded with polite affability. He

mostly responded with polite affability. He has been outspoken, as people often are when they are passionate about anything,

pect.
I also think that he most definitely should
be included in the Brexit talks.
Mrs May is not just snubbing Nigel
Farage; she is also being disdainful of all
those, who believed in him enough to vote

No surprise to

hear rail travellers

are getting angry

IT'S no surprise that rail travellers are voicing their anger at the latest inflation-busting price rises.
While the cost of their tickets continues to rise, the standard of customer service

to rise, the standard of customer service they are receiving continues to fall.

I have long been advocating the need for extra money to be spent on improving our existing railway infrastructure and updating rolling stock – but there are other ways of extra for it.

of paying for it.

For starters, we could scrap the white elephant HS2 scheme, saving billions of pounds which we do not need to be spend-

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Consecutive governments have either ignored or delayed improvements to our curvature of the spenuing of the spenu

rent rail network, and made many cutbacks

rent rail network, and made many cutbacks – now they are expecting customers to pay for their mismanagement.

While prices rise, we are seeing a reducing level of service in some areas, and a total absence of reliability or consistency. No wonder people are unhappy.

JILL SEYMOUR MEP

WILL KNOTT

Building once served as town's market hall



This picture was emailed in by Nigel Walters of Oswestry who says: "It is Oswestry's old Market Hall in Willow Street. It was pulled down to make way for the Woolworths. Now it's the Home Bargains store." The date is 1960, or at least the 1960s.

People must be LETTERS TO THE EDITOR made to value the cost of NHS

SIMON Wright, chief executive of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, says the issue of hospital services in the county is "urgent and unsustainable". Quite correct Mr Wright. The service is totally unsustainable as a free service. It will only be sustainable when an initial charge is made for every service.

charge is made for every service.

There is no such thing as a free lunch.

I have written to the Health Secretary,
MPs, the Kings Fund etc, but they all fear
the inevitable, charging for this service.

If you wish to see your doctor then it's

If you wish to see your doctor then it's £15 for the appointment. In the Irish republic it will cost you £45 at least.

There is much concern and talk about one or two A&E centres, I can assure Mr Wright if an initial charge of £30 to visit we

wright it an initial charge of 2.50 to visit we would only need one A&E.

It is a well known fact that some 60 per cent are non urgent cases and with a charge there would be a massive reduction in demand, and the people who really need attention could soon be dealt with.

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G B DIPPER

the M54 could be solution to hospital issue I WOULD like to challenge some of the conclusions around A&E care. I believe

we all want a prompt response in an emergency, local access and timely treatment by experts, in an environment designed to deliver this treatment and any immediate

deliver this treatment and any immediate after care.

With this in mind, why can't we give some consideration to securing land that could support a single emergency centre mid-way between Shrewsbury and Telford hospitals? Imagine the advantages. A centre supported by two acute hospitals, neither more than seven miles away; each with an on-site urgent care centre.

I would envisage access to the emergency centre straight off the M54, via a service road restricted to emergency vehicles only

road restricted to emergency vehicles only if Jaguar Land Rover can have a service road, why can't an emergency care centre? The emergency centre would need to be large enough to accommodate after care for the tentral services of the serv

up to 48 hours and critical care for patients too unstable to be transported to one of the acute hospitals. Those patients that need acute nospitals. I nose patients that need to be hospitalised, but fit enough to travel, would do so via a local, non-emergency transport service based at the centre. The A&E staff would be consolidated on to one site, providing the level of care we should expect from an A&E service.

xpect from an A&E service.

As the centre would only receive patients oming in by ambulance or helicopter, the ormer could be back on the road and availble for the next emergency much quicker.

CHRISTOPHER CROSBY

Vital

RELEASED Treasury papers from 1982 showed how Margaret Thatcher, despite the war cry ("the NHS is safe with us") show the Tories were planning to scrap free universal healthcare and then force

people to take out insurance.
Sir Geoffrey Howe was Mrs Thatcher's chancellor.
The Tories have never been a friend of the NHS.

the NHS.

This goes way back to 1948; it goes against everything they stand for.

If you get ill you may end up on a trolley for five hours, 66 per cent of trusts are

running deficits, there are doctor and bed shortages.

It's one of the best health services in the

nt's one of the best health services in the world but it is being run down. OECD released figures on the compar-ative state of healthcare across Europe showed Britain ranks 30th out of 34 coun-

showed Britain ranks 30th out of 34 countries on doctor numbers across Europe, with 50 per cent fewer than Germany. It is third from bottom in the hospital bed league, with fewer than Montenegro. The new Chancellor Mr Philip Hammond in his autumn statement made no reference to the NHS. What a scandal. Seventy per cent of Britons would pay an extra penny in the pound tax to fund the health service. But they do not listen, because they don't want it safe.

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for sex offences

AN Oswestry man who was involved in sexual activity with a 13-year-old girl has been given a suspended sen-tence.

tence.

Martin Crouch had twice engaged in sex acts with girl when they were together in his car late at night.

At Shrewsbury Crown Court Crouch was given 18 months in custody which was suspended for two years.

years.

Judge Peter Barrie said Crouch had been 19 at the time and as the adult it was his responsibility to protect a girl

was his responsionity to protect a girl of that age. In addition Crouch must complete 200 hours unpaid work, attend a re-habilitation programme and will be on the sex offenders' register for 10

Crouch of St Anne's Drive Morda had pleaded guilty to the two charges of sexual activity with a child at an earlier hearing.

Paul Smith, for Crouch, said reports

showed his client to be vulnerable and immature with some cognitive diffi-

Motorcyclist still critical after crash

A BIKER remains in critical care with life-threatening injuries after a crash on the A483.

The 66-year-old man from Shrewsbury suffered serious head, chest and leg injuries after the red Honda motorcycle he was riding and a black Vauxhall Astra crashed at about 3.40pm on February 4, at the junction of the A483 with Maesbury Road, Oswestry.

He was taken by air ambulance to the Royal Stoke Hospital where he is currently in the Critical Care Unit being treated for potentially life-threatening injuries.

Any witnesses to the collision are asked to contact PC Mark Cranfield of West Mercia Police by dialling 101, quoting incident reference number 0443s of 040217.

NEWS IN BRIEF Suspended term Council looking to raise Inquest is told biker tax level by 4.5 per cent was killed instantly when his restored Vincent motorbike slipped on the A5. An inquest heart when his restored Vincent motorbike slipped on the A5. An inquest heart when his restored Vincent motorbike slipped on the A5. An inquest heart when his restored Vincent motorbike slipped on the A5. An inquest heart when his restored Vincent motorbike slipped on the A5. An inquest heart when his bike

4.5 per cent increase in Powys County Council's share of the council tax, after recommendations were made to full council.

It will mean a rise of about £49.05 for an average Band D property in the county, with the police precept and town and community council increas-

town and community council increases yet to be added.
Despite the proposed increase, there will still need to be £9.636m cuts and the portfolio holder for Finance Councillor Wynne Jones warned worse could still be yet to come. He said Powys County Council had received a slightly improved budget from the Welsh Government this year, although they were still one of the lowest funded in Wales, but he said the extra money had come with a dire warning from Minister Mark Drakeford for some more tough budgets to come.

ets to come.

Councillor Jones said the county council is estimating an increase in council tax for next year of 3.75 per cent and 3.75 per cent for 2019/2020

for 2019/2020.

Some of the big cuts ahead include a £500,000 cut to the highways budget, a further withdrawal from providing village hall grants to save £67,000, a review of street lighting and a greater move towards LED lights to save £100,000, raising the age of admission to school to save £873,000 and further small school closure resulting in a £120,000. Many councillors voiced their a £120,000. Many councillors voiced their a £120,000. Many councillors voiced their concerns about a predicted overspend in adult social care and the proposed creation of a specific reserve of £2.75million for the department but the money will only be accessed if a certain set of criteria are reached. The full council will make the final decision on the level of council tax at a meeting on Thursday next week.

Nick in town to talk about new book



Writer and TV presenter Nick Knowles signs books at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry

BEST known for building and ren-ovating homes on the hit BBC One show DIY SOS, Nick Knowles re-turned to Shropshire – to launch his first vegan cook book.

And, having invested in a cafe in Shrewsbury, he also described his passion for vegan food.

"You tend to think that most vegans are petite, small, slim people – and I'm not," the 54-year-old TV presenter joked. "I am a 46-inch chest, 6ft 2in, 104kg, rugby player. I found the vegan world was owned by an elite group and I wanted to make it more accessible for everyone."

Organised by Booka Bookshop in Oswestry, the launch of his first book, Proper Healthy Food, was at-tended by 250 people.

During the event at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry, Nick spoke to the audience about his book and vegan

his restored Vincent motorbike slipped on the A5. An inquest heard Mr Roberts lost control when his bike travelled over a painted hatched area of the road, which is more slippery than the normal carriageway. The motorcyclist was thrown from the bike and into the path of an oncoming car. The 32-year-old commissioning engineer had been riding his bike from Oswestry towards Shrewsbury when the accident happened at just after 7am on September 26.

He was struck by a Ford Fiesta

He was struck by a Ford Fiesta coming from Shrewsbury and died at the scene. The driver of the Fiesta was uninjured. The inquest heard that the weather had been overcast and the road surface was damp.

John Ellery sprion corporation

road surface was damp.

John Ellery, senior coroner for
Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, heard
evidence from collision investigator
PC Nick Stafford from West Mercia
Police. PC Stafford said that the bike
had been perfectly maintained and there was no deficiencies with the mathere was no dencencies with the ma-chine. He told the hearing: "The Vin-cent was coming from the Oswestry direction and was in the left hand curve after a long straight. The mo-torbike was being ridden in the white 'hatched' area."

'hatched' area."

He explained that this part of the road had significantly less 'grip' than the actual road surface. "He should not have been in that hatched area," said PC Stafford. "The road was slippery but he was not riding at excessive gread although he was divining the part of the road was slippery but he was not riding at excessive gread although he was divining the part of the p

pery but he was not riding at excessive speed although he was driving fast for the road conditions."

Mr Ellery said Mr Roberts, of Shaw's Lane, Great Wyrley, Walsall, was "in the wrong place at the wrong time". The coroner concluded Mr Roberts died as a result of a road



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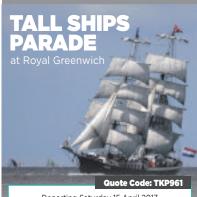


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NEWS IN BRIEF 9

BURGLARIES have been reported in Shropshire – with two arrests made in connection with one of the incidents. Police have said a number of burgla-

Police have said a number of burglaries have happened – two in Oswestry and a further one in Telford.

Officers say at about 7.45am on February 5, occupants of a house in Queens Road, Oswestry, were wakned by their burglar alarm and went downstairs to find a male and a female in the house.

The intruders ran off to a car which they had left on the drive.
Police were called and the two suspects were traced and arrested.

Between 6pm on February 1 and

pecus were traced and arrested.
Between 6pm on February 1 and
7.50am on February 2, the workshop
at a garage in Whittington Road,
Oswestry, was broken into and a large
quantity of Michelin and Yokohama tyres were stolen.

Later, a similar raid during the early hours of February 3, occurred at a tyre depot in Stafford Park, Telford. Anyone with any information about the offences is asked to contact West Mercia Police on 101.

Seven-mile walk for ramble group

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be from Felindre, near Sunday will be from Feindre, near Pant-y-Ffiidd and will be led by Mark Harvey.

The route of about seven miles will be towards Manafon then returning around Stingwern Hill.

It will be mostly on forest paths and over fields, with one steepish slope and a few potentially muddy sections.

All are welcome but no dogs on the

Meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Informa-tion Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225075) or at the start of the route at SJ 157022 ready for a 10am start.

Councillors air views on Highways bosses air

concerns over housing

could lead to traffic problems, councillors say.

Shropshire Council has said it is to pull the plug on the £12,000 a year contract it has with Oswestry Town Council that sees council staff manually put up and down the bollards that turn Cross Street and other roads into pedestrianised areas between 9.30am and 4pm each day.

Instead, the unitery authority.

new bollard

scheme idea

THE automation of bollards on a town's part pedestrianised roads could lead to traffic problems, coun-

Instead, the unitary authority wants to spend £50,000 on an automated system to open and close the

roads.

At last week's markets and car parks committee of Oswestry Town Council councillors said they were worried that an automated system would be prone to failure and that putting in a new system would be wasted money as there were calls to re-open Cross Street to traffic to try to rejuvenate the area. Councillor Chris Schofield, chairman of the Oswestry Townscape and Transport group which is looking at changes to the town centre traffic flow, said a traffic report would be discussed by the group in the next few weeks.

It could then recommend a way

group in the next few weeks.

It could then recommend a way forward but it would be the council that had to make any decision on the town centre road layout. Town Clerk David Preston said council staff would retain fobs to manually lower the bollerds for the weekly mellet.

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Councillor Amanda Woof said she was worried that if there were traffic problems because of a system failure people would go to the Guildhall ask-

people would go to the Guidnail ask-ing for help from the town council. "People will naturally assume that it is our problem," she said. The council is to write to Shrop-shire Council for an update.

A DEVELOPMENT of up to 600 new homes on the edge of Oswestry would have a significant impact on a nearby roundabout carrying two busy trunk roads, highways chiefs have said.

Highways England has called on Shropshire Council to defer a decision on a planning application for the homes off Shrewsbury Road in Councetwe for three sports.

the homes off Shrewsbury Road in Oswestry for three months.

This, it says, would give time for the applicant to provide information necessary to show that the development does not severely impact on Britain's strategic road network. J Ross Developments wants permission for the urban extension and says the homes would be built over a number of years.

It has put forward a traffic assessment to show that there would not be undue pressure on the Mile End roundabout which carries both the A5 and the A483 main

roads.

But Catherine Brookes, operations director for the Midlands region of Highways England, in a report to Shropshire Council said that although it had had additional information from the traffic specialist, Corun Associates, Highways England had identified various technical issues still outstanding. She said there was a need to incorporate the proposed access into the development, a few hundred yards from the roundabout, into the overall traffic modelling to access how it would affect the island. A meeting will take place this week between Highways England and the developer's traffic consultant.

Group's delight at award nomination



Powys County Council nominated the Glan-y-Dwr development for a building excellence award

BOSSES at Mid-Wales Housing say they are delighted that phase one of their new Glan-y-Dwr development in Newtown, formerly the old Terri-torial Army building, has been nominated for best social or affordable housing in the finals of the LABC South Wales Building Excellence

Powys County Council nominated the development for the award which recognises good design, affordability, security and accessibility.

This is the second time this scheme has been recognised for a national award having recently been shortlisted for affordable housing scheme of the year in the 24Housing

Awards. The announcement of this nomination coincides with the first residents moving into phase two of the development, formerly the old magistrates' court.

The first two phases developed by Mid-Wales Property Ltd comprise a total of 13 flats. The development cost in the region of £1.4 million.



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WELSHPOOL Hospital's League of Friends group have organised a con-cert on St David's Day, March 1, at Powis Castle.

rowis Castle.

Master of ceremonies will be Geraint Peate and fundraising is in aid of a family room for Welshpool Hospital. Tickets cost £14 to include refreshments at 6pm in the Courtyard Restaurant. Restaurant.

Tickets are available from Sue Williams on (01938) 553286, Iris Tombs on (01686) 640400 or Sue Usmar (01686) 650951. Concert to be held in the ballroom

at 6.40pm until 9.30pm.

Among the acts taking part are The Buttington Musical Theatre Company, LornaTuffin and Christine Evans, Eleri, One Crow Sorrow, John Hughes The Singing Farmer, Lyndsey Heeraman and The Montgomeryshire Venth Wedwird Crowd Youth Woodwind Group

Glass crafts are focus of event

THERE will be a chance for people of all ages next week to enjoy stained glass crafts.

The event has been organised by Arts Connection and will take place at Llanfyllin Youth and Community Centre on Tuesday.

A spokeswoman said: "This is a A spokeswoman said: "This is a family drop-in session; we hope you will enjoy creating together. Come anytime between 1pm to 4pm and bring a jar or glass to paint. We have booked two artists to show you how to paint glass and create other colourful pieces. The cost is £3 per family no matter how many children or adults. Simply pay on the day. To find out more contact Arts Connection on (01691) 648 929 or email nina@artsconnection.org.uk"

NEWS IN BRIEF League of friends More schools performing better report reveals

MORE primary and secondary schools in Mid Wales than ever before are performing well and in need of less support, new findings have revealed.

The Welsh Government has published its latest ratings for secondary and primary schools across Wales, with 10 of the region's schools award-

with 10 of the region's schools awarded a green rating – the highest category possible.

The system categorises schools as green, yellow, amber or red, with green schools said to be "highly effective" and red schools needing the "greatest improvement."
Welshpool High School is one of the schools to be rated green, an improvement on last year's yellow banding. Other schools to be rated green include Arddleen CP School, Ysgol Llanbrynmair, Penygloddfa CP School, Ysgol Pontrobert, Buttington Trewern CP School, Ysgol Pontrobert, Buttington Trewern CP School, Ysgol Pontrobert, Buttington Trewern CP School and Llandrindod Wellshigh schools were both placed in the red banding. Across Wales, the number of schools in need of the highest level of support has decreased — with more than 80 per cent of new privage was present of the privage was present of new present of new present of new privage was present of new present of new privage was present of new present of new privage was present of new privage was present of new prese port has decreased – with more than 80 per cent of primary and more than 60 per cent of secondary schools now in the green and yellow categories.

Councillor Arwel Jones, Powys County Council cabinet member for schools, said: Council cabinet member for schools, said: "Schools are increasingly building capacity to self-improve and becoming more resilient. Working together, schools and re-gional consortia understand well the chal-lenges ahead."

Student on right road to dream career



Ifan Huws has received a scholarship to help his career

A STUDENT has received a scholarship to help him achieve his dream career.

Ifan Huws, of Harper Adams University in Newport, received the scholarship from poultry meat producer, Moy Park, in conjunction with the British Poultry Council Poultry Council.

The second year agriculture

and farm management student, whose goal is a management career in the poultry sector, comes from a traditional upland beef and sheep farm near Welshpool.

The 19-year-old has decided to follow sectors in the poultry.

The 19-year-old has decided to follow a career in the poultry industry believing it will provide greater financial security and also be more sustainable.

He said: "Receiving this schol-arbitional descent from More

arship and support from Moy Park and the BPC is one of my biggest achievements so far." The student added: "I'm very excited to start my placement in June with Moy Park, one of

the biggest poultry producers in Europe, kick-starting my future within the agricultural industry knowing that they're supporting

"In the future I'd like to have a management career in the poultry industry producing food sustainably for the growing pop-ulation"

Book scheme to continue

A SCHEME to encourage a love of books among babies and their families is to continue thanks to a new partnership agreement between between

ilies is to continue thanks to a new partnership agreement between Powys County Council and Book-Trust Cymru.

The Bookstart scheme provides every child in Wales with two bilingual packs which are distributed by health visitors in the first year of a child's life and again at 15-27 months.

The new partnership agreement between the council and BookTrust Cymru will see the packs being distributed to babies in Powys during 2017-18.

2017-18.

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The scheme, an early intervention and literacy programme for children, is delivered as a partnership between BookTrust Cymru, the council's library service and health visitors across Wales. The programme is funded by the Welsh Government.

The scheme also supports active

The scheme also supports active participation with all libraries across Wales.

Supporters say the partnership with Welsh local authorities helps children's early learning and devel-opment and starts a life-long love of books and reading.

Ouakers were subject of talk

MIKE Pepper, president of Welshpool Rotary Club, extended a warm wel-come to visitor Roddy MacLeod at the evening meeting on January 25.

Speaker was Jeremy Thorp who spoke about the history of The Society of Friends (Quakers).

Winners of the raffle, which raised $\pounds 26$ towards the campaign to eradicate polio, were Roddy MacLeod and Jeremy Thorp.





A POPULAR police sergeant was under investigation at the time he killed himself in hospital, it was revealed at an inquest hearing.

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Lee Andrew Johnson, a sergeant with West Mercia Police, died on February 13, 2016, after being found hanging in the Heddfan psychiatric unit at Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

The 45-year-old, who was based in the Oswestry area, lived in Pantymwyn, near Mold, with his family. He was well-known for his Twitter account in which he mixed police appeals and news with snippets of humour.

mour.

At a pre-inquest hearing in Ruthin arrangements were made for a full hearing to be held over two days in June. Sergeant Johnson's family and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board were both legally represented at the hearing and John Gittins, coroner for North Wales East and Central, said he would invite the West Mercia Force to attend the full inquest even though the officer was off-duty at the time of his death.

The coroner said there would be

off-duty at the time of his death. The coroner said there would be reference to the fact that Sgt Johnson was being investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission, but added: "My provisional view is that it was not of any great consequence." On the question of the scope of the inquest, Mr Gittins said he would be calling evidence about the health board's policies on observation of patients as well as the treatment and care the officer had received. "It has been acknowledged that he

and care the officer had received.
"It has been acknowledged that he had an issue regarding alcohol and I shall want to hear how the board deals with someone with such an issue in their care," he said. Among the witnesses will be consultant psychiatrist Dr Stuart Porter, who was involved in the serious incident review carried out by the board following the tragedy.

officer was at centre of Former boxing club site NEWS IN BRIEF 11 grant other lands and the state of the stat investigation hearing told in line for development

A FORMER boxing club could be demolished for an apartment block to be built in its place, under plans lodged with Shropshire Council.

The proposals have been submitted for the demolition of the building that housed Oswestry Boxing Club in Oak Street and for six one-bedroom apart-

Street and for six one-bedroom apartments in a block to be built.

Applicant Richard Cosgrove said if the plans are approved, he intends to put the properties on the open market to satisfy a need within the town for starter homes for those wanting to get on the housing ladder.

The plans come as the club has outgrown the premises in Oak Street following an increase in membership. The owner is now seeking alternative premises on Maesbury Road Industrial Estate.

In a design and access statement, Mr

In a design and access statement, Mr Cosgrove said: "The current building has reached the end of its useful life for commercial use in this location.

"This is due to a number of factors primarily the lack of parking for visitors, loading and unloading and the construction of the building where any form of complete modernisation is not financially viable especially due to its deterioration over recent

years."

Mr Cosgrove said there have been previous planning applications which have been either withdrawn or refused following concerns by Oswestry Town Council.

He said: "The current application is for a more modest and less intrusive two-storey design in keeping with the current street scene.

scene.

"The six apartments would be attracted on the housing ladto those wanting to get on the housing lad-der and working within the town or walk-ing distance."

Villagers can enjoy a Victorian tea



Angela Bright gets ready for the Victorian tea party at Weston Rhyn Institute. Photo: John Sambrooks.

VILLAGERS can enjoy a good cup of tea and a step back in time to help raise funds towards local causes.

Weston Rhyn near Oswestry will travel back to the Victorian era on Saturday when members of the community host their annual Victorian tea event. Taking place in Weston Rhyn Institute, organisers will bring out the fine china for those who

come along and serve up a host of treats including sandwiches, scones and cakes, as well as pots of tea and coffee.

Organiser Angela Bright said shopes the event, which starts at 2pm, is well supported, as it is in aid of threa local causes. They are millered in the support of the starts at 2pm and the support of the s

Entry for adults is £5 and £3 for children.

more schools cash

EDUCATION campaigners want more money from government after figures revealed Shropshire schools will be up to £395 worse off per pupil than two years ago.

According to the National Audit Office figures school spending pressures

than two years ago.

According to the National Audit Office figures school spending pressures will leave schools in the Shropshire Council area nine per cent worse off per child on roll. The figures come as council chiefs and headteachers tackle concerns over a funding shortfall, fears of staffing cuts and increased class sizes, at a time when the government is reviewing the way its calculates how much schools get. The Department for Education insists that it is putting a record amount of money into schools, however critics claim it has failed to take account of rising pupil numbers and increased costs.

Rob Kelsall, Shropshire regional secretary for the National Headteachers Association, said: "The government seems to have completely ignored or underestimated the cost of running the average school between

running the average school between now and 2020."

Health bosses in flu iab reminder

ONE in four people in Shropshire still have not claimed their free flu jab this

People are being urged to make sure that older friends and relatives are protected against flu this winter.

It comes after hospital bosses said Telford's Princess Royal Hospital is seeing a high number of patients with

Everyone aged over 65 is entitled to a free flu vaccination from their GP or a participating local pharmacy.

or Ken Deacon, medical director for NHS England in North Midlands, said: "It might feel like the end of winter is not too far away, but it is certainly not too late for people over the age of 65 to protect themselves against flu by claiming their free jab."

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NEWS IN BRIEF Officers may get more technology

POLICE in Shropshire could be given smart phones and laptops to allow them to spend more time on the beat.
West Mercia's Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion has given his blessing to the plans after real company the conclusions of a "more statement of a "more statement of the plans after statement of a "more stateme

given his blessing to the plans after welcoming the conclusions of a "mobile technology pilot", aimed at getting more police onto the streets. The pilot has seen West Mercia officers in Evesham using a smartphone and laptop since last September.

The idea behind the scheme is that the equipment gives officers access to more incident information on the go, allows them update victims and witnesses at the scene, and spend more time out in the community.

Mr Campion said he is funding the scheme as part of his plans to create a

Mr Campion said he is funding the scheme as part of his plans to create a reformed West Mercia Police. He reported that the results have been "positive, benefitting communi-ties". The trial is now undergoing an eval-uation before West Mercia Police de-cide how the technology will be rolled out across the wider workforce.

First-time buyers in property trap

FIRST-TIME buyers cannot earn enough to get on the housing ladder in Shropshire, new figures reveal.

The gap between average annual earnings and the amount needed to get a mortgage is continuing to widen.

get a mortgage is continuing to widen. The average earnings of people in Shropshire is less than £26,000 – while the amount required for an 80 per cent mortgage now falls just short of £50,000. The numbers, released by the National Housing Federation, show that the average house price in Shropshire is now more than £218,000, about £40,000 more than the average for the West Midlands as a whole. In Telford & Wrekin the average annual earnings for 2015 was £24,000, but the income required for an 80 per cent mortgage was £37,503.

Recycling centres' hours Police chief lays out his reduced to save services priorities for the future KEEPING communities safe and seferminarity the willness like and the seferminary the willness like are the

TWO recycling centres in Mid Wales that were under threat of closure will remain open - but for

only three days a week.

Powys County Council's cabinet have shelved plans to close the centres in Welshpool and Newtown for a year, after strong opposition from residents, councillors and politicians, with more than 800 responses to the consultation and more than 5,000 people signing a

than 800 responses to the consultation and more than 5,000 people signing a petition for their retention.

The cabinet has instead opted for a reduction in the centres' opening hours.

Members had originally considered the plans to close the centres, in a bid to cut spending by £700,000.

However, now the local authority will provide £200,000 to reduce the pressure on the service and a further £300,000 contribution has now been proposed for the 2017/18 financial year to allow alternative proposals to be developed in an attempt to make the full savings from 2018/19.

Welshpool Councillor Graham Breeze, who campaigned for the centres to remain open, has cautiously welcomed the decision and now called on the council to commit to the future of the centres, asking for no further reduction in their service.

However, Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George has criticised the cabinet's decision.

He said: "In recent months, I have been inundated with correspondence from concerned constituents who have reacted angrily at proposals to reduce the recycling provision in Pows II is not acceptable for

cerned constituents who have reacted angrily at proposals to reduce the recycling provision in Powys. It is not acceptable for sites in Newtown or Welshpool to operate for just a few days a week. Both sites are very well used and this decision is a backward step. "He said the reduced hours could result in more fly-tipping.

Violin virtuoso Sarah set to perform



Sarah Barnwell will play with her new quartet at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry this weekend

VIOLIN virtuoso Sarah Barnwell with her sparkling new quartet will be performing at Oswestry's Willow Gallery on Saturday.

Marysia Shepherd from the gallery said: "No stranger to the town, Sarah celebrates the violin in all its variations, delighting crowds at home as well as overseas. Sarah will be onstage alongside acclaimed acoustic guitarist Will Barnes, stunning jazz guitarist Andy Mackenzie and double bass extraordinaire Erika Lyons. The concert starts at 8pm, with tickets at £12m £6 for children. Doors open at 7pm, allowing time for early arrivals to have a look around the current exhibition featuring the artworks of many talented local artists. These range from rainbow-coloured hares and gor-geous local landscapes to unusual acrylics and an interesting take on Amy Winehouse."

safeguarding the vulnerable are the priorities of Dyfed-Powys Police over the next five years, its police and crime commissioner has revealed.

crime commissioner has revealed. Dafydd Llywelyn said there were far too many people killed or seriously injured on the roads of Mid Wales and pledged to promote road safety and target reckless drivers.

In a draft police and crime plan for 2017 to 2021 he also says he want victims to feel confident they would be listened to and believed when contacting the police and wants to see more domestic abuse, hate crime, sexual offences and anti-social behaviour reported.

Dyfed-Powys has the lowest number of recorded crimes per head of population of all police forces in Eng-land and Wales.

But Mr said: "I am prepared to see a

But Mr said: "I am prepared to see a short-term increase in recorded crime to encourage victims to do so.
"Everyone deserves to live safety, free from harm and abuse. The most vulnerable people in society are particularly at risk of becoming victims of some and antisocial behaviour." crime and antisocial behaviour.

A rise in levels of domestic abuse and violent crime in recent years has led to a pledge to improve police re-sponse and invest in services that sup-port victims and reduce risk of abuse.

Mr Llywelyn said that advances in technology were having a huge effect on the crimes that police now had to on the crimes that police now had to deal with.

The police commissioner added

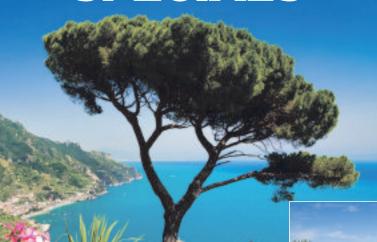
The police commissioner added:
"Every police force is facing financial
challenges, attributable, not just to
funding pressures but also the changing nature of demand on policing services.
"With advancements in technology policing now faces the challenge
of dealing with more complex crimes
such as cyber-crime, online fraud and
child sexual exploitation."







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Research flags up teacher assaults

RESEARCH by Wales's largest teaching union has uncovered that teachers and other school staff have been the victims of more than 4,500 physical and verbal attacks by pupils over the past three academic years.

Powys had one of the lowest incidents of attacks. Of the 90 reported, 85 were physical and five verbal.

In other authorities figures were much higher. Wrexham reported Wrexham 554, 419 verbal and 135 physical, while Denbighshire did not respond to a Freedom of Information Act request by the union.

NUT Wales Secretary, David Evans, said: "Clearly any incidents of physical or verbal assault by pupils towards teachers or any members of the school staff are unacceptable. To see an average of around 1,500 incidents a year is a great concern"

Meres and Mosses the theme of talks

A SERIES of talks on Meres and Mosses has been organised by Oswest-

ry Library.

A talk entitled Darwin and the Bog will take place on Tuesday from 2pm to 3pm. The talk, a family event for all ages and costing £2.50, will explore the wildlife of bogs. It will be a talk and crafts for all ages with Sara Lanyon.

A talk entitled Skydancers will A talk entitled Skydancers will look at hen harriers. The talk will be by Keith Offord who has studied and monitored breeding hen harriers in Wales for the past 35 years. It takes place on February 25 from 2pm to 3pm and is suitable for people aged 10 years and over and will cost £2.50. Mammals of the Meres and Mosses will be presented by Stuart Edmunds, chair of Shropshire Mammal Group and wildlife enthusiast. He will talk about the mammals he has recorded about the mammals he has recorded and monitored in North Shropshire. That takes place on March 14 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm at a cost of £2.50.

Hospital opens its doors again to host second recruitment drive

NURSES are being urged to apply for a number of vacancies at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital - ahead of two recruitment days that could see them going home with a new job.

An event for ward roles will take place on the morning of March 4 from 9am to noon, while a sepa-rate event for nurses interested in theatre roles will take place on March 12 from 10am to 1pm.

Both days will see the hospital's main entrance transformed into a hub

main entrance transformed into a hub where visiting nurses can meet with different teams.

A similar event in November proved a huge success, with 24 nurses being interviewed on the day, and 17 of those leaving with offers of employ-

Bev Tabernacle, director of nursing, said: "We were delighted with how well our first recruitment day went, and would hope nurses can see that this is a great way to come and have a good look at us, and very possibly leave with a job offer. "We've decided to hold two separate days this time, so we can give more focus to the distinct ward and theatre

rocus to the distinct ward and theatre roles that we have to offer.

"This is a fantastic place to be a nurse," added Bev. "We're looking for experienced or newly qualified nurses to join our teams; we have a fantastic support framework for these nurses to

support development and progression.
"We want nurses who show compassion and exhibit the behaviours which will enable them to deliver excellent

care to our patients.
"Full and part-time posts are available, we can also offer rotational posts to widen the experience of those nurses who may want to work with

Sue Pryce, deputy director of human



Director of nursing Bev Tabernacle speaks to BBC Midlands Today at the last recruitment day in November

resources, said: "The service the hospital provides is growing rapidly. We want enthusiastic, skilled nurses to fill the roles that are now appearing because of these expansions. Our last recruitment day was a big success and

proved to be a great way to reach out tial staff, through the recruitment day to those candidates who could do well in the trust. It's also a great way of showing what we do for staff in terms in advance by contacting our HR team of careers and education. "However we always want to hear from poten- sources@rjah.nhs.uk.'

or otherwise. "If you are interested in attending the day, please let us know on (01691) 404390 or at human.re-

Workhouse is delighted

LEGENDARY British pop artist Sir Peter Blake will donate one of his latest and most unusual pictures to a charity in Mid Wales.

The Arrival of the Smart Meters will be presented to Impact Arts at Llanfyllin Workhouse in Llanfyllin.

The charity, which helps people and communities transform their lives through creativity and the arts, will be given one of just 30 signed prints that are being donated to charities, with the control of the control o

that are being donated to charities, universities and community projects across the country.

Fiona Dorin, director at Impact Arts, said: "Llanfyllin Workhouse is delighted and honoured to have been chosen to house this original print by Sir Peter Blake.

"Our gallery, Oriel y Dolydd, is becoming known for high quality tempo-

our ganery, orner y Doyad, is be-coming known for high quality tempo-rary exhibitions and we are looking to build up a permanent collection over time in this fine historic building. "The theme of the print, cele-brating the arrival of smart meters, reflects our own aim to respect the

reflects our own aim to respect the environment

"We look forward to displaying it to

we look for ward to displaying it to the public."

The Arrival of the Smart Meters was created by Sir Peter to mark the coming of smart meters to every home in Great Britain.

Sir Peter, who is renowned for work including the design of the Beatles Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album cover, said: "I took inspiration for my latest work from the artist

anoum cover, said: "I took inspiration for my latest work from the artist Saul Steinberg, who gave new meaning to everyday objects.
"In this case the smart meters suggested little bodies to me, so I turned them into people, symbolising the installers who are fitting the meters into every home in Great Britain.
"I love that something that can be

into every home in Great Britain.
"I love that something that can be seen as rather workaday is being introduced with art, and Arrival of the Smart Meters is an interesting way of highlighting its national significance."
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Busker Tony helps medical research



Tony Robinson entertains at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital during his fundraising effort

BUSKERS would normally be frowned upon in hospitals but Tony Robinson was given special permission to sing to his heart's content – raising money for

nis neart's content – raising money for a medical charity. Tony, from Tern Hill, spent the day singing in the foyer of Oswestry Or-thopaedic Hospital to help raise funds for the Institute of Orthopaedics based at the hospital.

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The 58-year-old was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy 15 years ago and is a regular patient at the muscle clinic

of runners who are taking part in the London Marathon to raise funds for the Institute of Orthopaedics.

Visitors and patients at the hospital were entertained by Tony's renditions of classics, including songs from Elvis and several Motown tunes as well as up-to-date hits from the likes of Callum Scott.

"I am a singer who can't remember

'I am a singer who can't remember "I am a singer who can't remember the lyrics, so I sing, karaoke style, with the words in front of me and the back-ing track to accompany me," he said. "I am hoping to organise a karaoke night in the China Palace in Oswestry

when people can join me on the micro-phone. That will also raise funds for

the orthopaedic."

He said that he had been helped a great deal over the years by the ortho-

He said: "I have recently also been sent to the neuromuscular centre in Winsford where they have been able to wean me off all my painkillers. That has been fantastic as I had been suffering from side effects. I will be doing something to help them as well in the future."

there.

He offered his services to help a pair

Thursday, February 16,

, 2017

Village continues to thrive

Commercial feature

The thriving and popular village of Gobowen near Oswestry has numerous facilities and

The village has various services to meet residents' needs including a Post Office, a successful primary school, convenience stores, a dentist and a pharmacy. Gobowen also has hairdressers, a selection

of takeaway food outlets and a modern golf

The village is a thriving and growing

There are new homes being built in the area. attracting many families keen to enjoy village

Many residents from the village as well as further afield make regular use of Gobowen's railway station.

The station buildings are some of the oldest buildings in the area.

The station is the closest mainline station to Oswestry and is served by a regular bus

Good employment opportunities are right on the doorstep.

The world famous Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital and the specialist Derwen College are both within walking distance from the village

Gobowen is just a short drive from the town of Oswestry and Shrewsbury and Wrexham are within easy commuting distance thanks to the A483 and A5 roads.

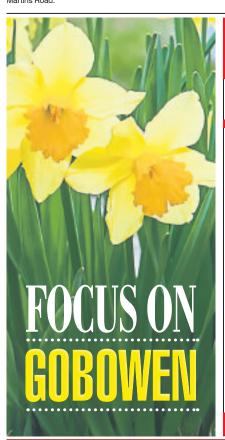
Community spirit is strong in the village and Gobowen's churches host many events while other activities are based at The Pavilion and the village's playing fields and playground on St



Gobowen has a busy railway station and it is the closest mainline station to Oswestry



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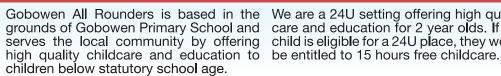
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Man shoplifted after court appearance

A SHOPLIFTER who stole more than £300 worth of perfume moments after leaving court was brought back before the magistrates and sent straight to jail.

The bench told James Fury, aged 24, that his actions were a "slap in the face" effect they had only hours before granted

after they had only hours before granted him a "last chance saloon" conditional discharge for stealing four joints of beef at The Meat Man, in Willow Street, Oswestry, on February 3.

But the addict was brought back to

South the addict was brought back court after he was arrested in Telford Shopping Centre shortly after he was captured in Debenhams on CCTV putting five packets of perfume worth £320 inside a bag then leaving without paying. Fury, of Lime Grove, Oswestry, initially appeared at Telford Magistrates Court appeared at Telford Magistrates Court where he admitted an offence of stealing four joints of beef valued at £50. He was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a total of £155 in costs and victims' surcharge.

Just four hours later he was back in court where he admitted an offence of stealing and admitted breach of the conditional discharge.

Euros Jones, mitigating, said: "He was walking from court to the train station when he got a phone call from his girlfriend saying she needed money for drugs.

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"He foolishly turned round and went to the shopping centre to steal goods to sell to get the money for the drugs and was arrested."

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Magistrates re-sentenced Fury to six weeks in prison for the meat theft and six weeks in prison for the perfume theft and the breach to run consecutively. He was also ordered to pay £115 victims' surcharge.

'Shock' over internet issues

THE head of BT Openreach has admitted his surprise at the lack of broadband in the countryside.

Clive Selley pledged to try to find solu-tions to help the plight of rural industry after talking to businesses affected by poor internet connection in Shropshire.

The chief executive officer was invited to the county by MP Owen Paterson, who said broadband problems were preventing many parts of Shropshire being able to compete in business with the rest of

He said that as farms are increasingly diversifying and more and more businesses are run from home it is stifling growth. During the day Mr Selley was introduced to traders and councillors in Whitehead and Mr Selley was Mritchurch and was able to assure them that the superfast broadband would be in place in the town by December.

Mr Selley ended his day talking to Jeremy Rose from Ocean Telecom, which

provides telecommunication solutions for businesses.

Mr Paterson said: "It was interesting to see how shocked the head of Openreach was to hear of so many problems."

"It was a very constructive day and I am hopeful that there will be both short term answers to individual problems and long term improvements now in the pipe-

Fire service has new pilot scheme

SHROPSHIRE'S fire service is piloting a scheme in Oswestry to help prevent the old and frail from falling.
Under the scheme, firefighters who are visiting older residents in Oswestry to offer fire safety advice will also make sure the resident has information about winter heating schemes befineding services. ter heating schemes, befriending services, and falls and healthy lifestyle advice.

and falls and healthy lifestyle advice.
They will also keep an eye open for trip hazards when they do their fire safety checks in the homes of vulnerable people. Guy Williams of Shropshire Fore and Rescue Service said: "We carry out 3,500 visits per year, where we focus on conveying a fire safety message.

"But we need to utilise that opportunity while we're in the property to share our partners ideas like winter warmth, social isolation, falls and healthy lifestyle options."

Every year more than 1,200 people have a serious fall in the Shropshire Council area and the initiative aims to help reduce that figure.

Celebrities saw stars during aqueduct crossing



Nigel Havers, second left, with Debbie McGee, Lorraine Chase and Simon Callow

THERE are more taxing celebrity shows to be on, but actor Nigel Havers still found one challenge a bit much when he toured the canals of Shropshire and Wales with three fellow stars of the small screen.

He admitted the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct near

Oswestry, was a bit much, adding: "Going over that aqueduct was scary.

"It is the longest one in Europe and when

you look over the side there is a 600ft drop."

The waterways of the region will be high-

lighted in the new Channel Five show, which a Celebrity jungle, said the experience was



The awe-inspiring Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is a major tourist attraction

started on Friday. Havers shared a narrowboat on the Llangollen Canal with Debbie McGee, Simon Callow and Lorraine Chase for Celebrity

Carry On Barging.
Havers, who has also appeared in the I'm

"great". He added: "There were no spats, although we had to tell Lorraine Chase to shut

"She does love a chat.

"She fell in the river at the end – it was extremely funny.

Team of volunteers chip in to help with canal clear-up



David Joyner helps out with the work at the disused section of the canal



Volunteers have been working on a section of the disused canal in Pant helping to clear the area

Report by Naomi Penrose

VOLUNTEERS spent a weekend working hard to clear trees and undergrowth on a disused section of canal, as they continue attempts to reopen it ahead of a multi-million pound restoration project.

The £4.2 million project will be a major leap forward in the restoration of the Montgomery Canal, which has seen about half of the 33 miles brought back in use.

The canal, which runs from just outside

The canal, which runs from just outside Ellesmere, past Oswestry and across the Welsh border through Welshpool to Newtown, won a £2.53m Heritage Lottery grant to reopen a mile-and-a-quarter stretch of canal in the Pant and Llanymynech area. Members of the Waterway Recovery Group, part of The Inland Waterways Association (IWA), recently worked on a disused railway embankment which blocks the canal. Michael Limbrey, chairman of the Shrewsbury District & North Wales branch of the IWA, said the weekend had proved "very successful".

of the IWA, said the weekend had proved "very successful". He said: "The volunteers worked ex-tremely hard felling trees from the embank-ment and making sure access to the canal itself was clear of trees, ready for when the

itsen was clear of trees, ready for when the machines remove the embankment.

"The weekend also saw volunteers of Shropshire Union Canal Society continue their work on the canal at Redwith, preparing for next month's start of the Heritage Lottery Fund-supported project to reopen the canal to Crickheath Wharf where boats can turn."

Mr Limbrey said it was the biggest Waterway Recovery Group party to visit the Montgomery Canal for some time.





Alan Lines cuts back the undergrowth during the canal work scheme

MANY farmers and landowners are looking to hydroelectric power as an income source and as an alternative to wind and solar energy, according to an Oswestry-based legal expert. Emma Wilde, a renewable energy

specialist at Lanyon Bowdler Solici-tors, says changes to tariffs and subsi-dies mean that hydroelectric schemes are becoming an attractive option for

"I have acted on behalf of several cli-Thave acted on benain of several circuits in the past six to 12 months who are developing hydroelectric power generation schemes," Emma said.
"Hydroelectric is a good option at the moment, as the tariff schemes for

wind and solar are reducing.

"Another area of growth in recent months has been the installation of mobile phone masts.

Contracts

"I have been working on contracts for three masts in just the past month, and I think the sudden rush has partly been down to a push by the Government to improve mobile phone signal in rural areas, particularly for emergency service provision.

"However, the introduction of the new Digital Economy Bill from April 2018 may change things as the levels of rent achievable for such sites ilkely to reduce.

"In a time of uncertainty, any form of diversification is worth considering

of diversification is worth considering and there are a variety of different op-tions out there.

"As ever, making sure you obtain the right professional advice is critical

to success."

For more legal advice relating to renewable energy schemes, contact Emma at Lanyon Bowdler in Church Street, Oswestry, or call 01691 663767.

Farmers eye hydro schemes Chamber's benefits are spelt out to companies

BUSINESS leaders in Oswest-ry have spelt out the benefits of getting involved in the town's chamber of commerce organisa-

Chamber chairman Neil Jenkins said: "As the dust from 2016 continues to settle, now is the time for many businesses to look forward with re-newed energy and fresh ideas to expand, develop and grow in the coming

pand, develop and grow in the coming year.

"Whether you plan to increase awareness of your products and services, increase profit margins or try out a few new marketing methods it is likely that you will be looking to build and grow strong business networks in and around your local business community. Keeping a finger on the pulse of events and developments in the Oswestry area helps us all to make the most of every opportunity that presents itself.

"Oswestry Chamber Of Commerce is a membership organisation providing links to local information, expert speakers and community events.

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"We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, between 6pm to 8pm, at the Townhouse, Willow Street.

"The chamber is an ideal environment for people from all business sectors to share ideas, information and support. Membership is £25 a year. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 1." Find out more by contacting Mr Jenkins at info@oswestrychamber.org.uk

MP's delight at Invertek's success



MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies visited local business Invertek Drives to recognise the manufacture of its millionth variable frequency drive in Mid Wales.

Invertek Drives employs around 170 people in its state of the art unit on Offa's Dyke Business Park, near Welshpool. The company, which was formed in 1998, designs and manufactures easy to use electronic variable frequency drives for controlling the speed of electric motors. Mr Davies recently visited Invertek's headquarters on the agreeice of the approach wilding its the occasion of the company building its one millionth drive. Every piece of machin-ery needs some form of control mechanism ery needs some form of control mechanism to regulate the power supply, and Invertek Drives manufactures them for machines of all types and sizes. More than 90 per cent of what Invertek Drives manufactures is exported all over the world.

Mr Davies said: "Invertek Drives is one MI Davies said: 'Invertex Drives is one of Wales's most successful businesses, born and firmly rooted in Montgomeryshire. It has grown from being a local start-up business into a world-wide, world-renowned exporter employing 170 people in Welshpool and many more around the world. I have known Invertek Drives throughout its existence with the context to the context of the start of

Extra support § for art groups 🖁

KEY Powys arts organisations are being offered the chance to work with

being offered the chance to work with a specialist art support service to strengthen their businesses. Powys Arts Sustainability + is a partnership between the county coun-cil's cultural service and Arts & Business Cymru.

ness Cymru.

Together the bodies have designed a
bespoke membership package for key
organisations.

The package allows key organisations to access specialist advice on
arts business development, including

arts business development, including board development and governance, securing sponsorship, business advice and mentoring.

Cabinet member for arts and culture at Powys County Council, Councillor Graham Brown said: "The initiative has been tailored by the county council's cultural services who are subsidising the offer specifically to meet the needs of Powys arts businesses."

nesses."

Councillor Brown added: "The programme will support 10 arts organisations in the county to develop and plan sustainably."

For further information about the partnership, people can contact Lucy Bevan at the art and cultural services in Llandrindod Wells by email at lucy. bevan@powys.gov.uk or by calling (01597) 827550.

JCB in £9 million deal

MANUFACTURING giant JCB has won a £9 million order to sell machines for use in the agriculture and construction industries.

Nixon Hire is buying more than 160 telescopic handlers, which are built at JCB's site in Rocester, Staffordshire.

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Benefits cut as new cash rules come into force

HUNDREDS of people in Shropshire have seen their benefits cut since new rules came into force.

The Benefit Cap was introduced in 2013, and means that households in which nobody is in work can claim a maximum of £20,000 a year of benefits, or £23,000 in London. It is lower depending on the deliment is interested in claimant's circumstances.

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In all, 142 households in Shropshire have seen their figures capped, with another 227 in Telford & Wrekin, since the introduction of the policy.

The majority affected in Shropshire saw their income fall by less than £50 a week because of the new rules.

The figures show that 84 people in Shropshire and 135 in Telford & Wrekin had the cap knock £50 per week – or £2,600 a year – off their income between 2013 and November last year.

The limit paid to each household was lowered to £20,000 in November, having previously stood at £26,000, potentially bringing more households into the figures. Many who are already affected will also see their benefits cut further.

Seven households in Shropshire and 13 in Telford had between £150 and £200 a week – £7,800 to £10,400 a year – knocked off their inverse better.

week – £7,800 to £10,400 a year – knocked off their income by the cap.

Book recounts trip to Everest

AN author and explorer is to release a book detailing his account of his journey to Everest Base Camp.

Dave Andrew, the author of The Oswestry Round, is due to release the book later next year, a diary account of his epic journey. Mr Andrew released The Oswestry Round in December last year, a book detailing the circular walks around the town and borderlands, to raise funds for two charities close to his heart, The Lingen Davies Cancer fund and Cancer Research. Now he is to publish another book for two cancer charities.

He said: "I received treatment for prostate cancer at the Lingen Davies centre at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, so these charities were personal to me." His latest publication is a collection of diary entries detailing his climb to Everest, which had humble beginnings at Gobowen train station. He added: "The book opens with me waiting early one cold morning at the station. and I'm plagued with doubts about

tion. He added: The book opens with me waiting early one cold morning at the station, and I'm plagued with doubts about the journey ahead of me, was I doing the right thing leaving behind my cosy life."

Mr Andrew will be giving a talk at Oswestry Library on Wednesday next week at 12.30pm.

Severn Trent bill country's lowest

SEVERN Trent's 4.3 million customers will pay less than £1 a day for all of their clean and waste water services for

2017/18.

The new combined bill remains the low

the new combined bill remains the lowest in the country.

Liv Garfield, Seven Trent chief executive, said: "For less than a pound a day, we supply our customers with 75 million litres of water every hour of every day, and take away 32,000 litres of water water every second.

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we've also been able to reduce external sewer floodings by nine per cent year-on-year, and we've trebled the number of vulnerable customers supported. And we're proud of our performance on customer complaints, achieving the largest reduction in complaints in 2015/16 of all water order overware accurate in 2015/16.

and sewerage companies."

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Stepping out in style to support hospice

Ladies can step out in style and celebrate a Shropshire charity's 10th anniversary through a midnight walk with a fairvtale twist.

The walks in aid of Severn Hospice will have a Cinderella theme and take place in Shrewsbury on April 8, and Telford on May 13. Entry costs £15 and walkers are asked to raise a minimum of £30 in sponsorship. For more information call the fundraising team on 01952 221351.

Special Report: Auschwitz Visit





Pupils walked back in silence after their visit to the infamous Nazi death camps at Auschwit



'We are here to make sure history doesn't repeat itself'

IT takes a lot to stun 200 teenagers into silence, but there was a noticeable lack of talking during a long, dark walk back along the infamous rail tracks of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

A day visiting the most famous sites of genocide in the world had finally taken its toll. The group quietly contemplated everything they had seen, the only noise, an eerie echo of train carts rattling in the nearby town of Oswiecim.

nearby town of Oswiecim.

It was the atmospheric end of a long day for pupils from across Shropshire and the West Midlands, who had started the day apprehensive but excited about a trip to Poland to see Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau.

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Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau.

By the end of the trip, many of them felt
they had a duty to keep the memory of those
who perished in the camps alive.

"The Nazis took their victims and they
turned them into numbers. Today we took
those numbers and we turned them into
names," James Curtis said. The 16-year-old
pupil from The Marches in Oswestry added
that he didn't know how to feel about what
he'd seen.

he'd seen.
"I was expecting it to be a dark and dingy place, completely devoid of life. It was ironically beautiful. It's nothing like you read in the books."

Destroyed

The day began in Oswiecim, on the site of the Great Synagogue that once stood in the town. It had been the centre of the Jewish community in the area for 300 years, but was destroyed by Nazis when they first arrived in

destroyed by Nazıs when they first arrived in the town.

Pupils were given pictures taken in the area, and discussed what life might have been like for pre-war Jews.

It was a short drive to Auschwitz from Oswiecim, but the atmosphere in the coach noticeably changed.

Many of the pupils were shocked at just how close this death camp was to the town – just a few kilometres from the city centre.

As the stark buildings came into view, there was no mistaking the landscape. It's been recreated a million times in films, and there's no end of documentary footage and photographs.

The trip, organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust as part of its Lessons from Auschwitz project, is all about what happens when the youngsters return. They'll each come up with a way to share their experience, whether its through video, art or music.

We met our guide, Michael, and he walked us through the streets of Auschwitz.



One of the tour guides, Rabbi Andy Shaw



The cruelly ironic sign says: 'work makes you free

"This is a museum, but it is not a regular museum," he told us. "Auschwitz is a memorial to everybody that died here."

The first rooms deal with the volume of people who arrived at the camp. Pictures of confused but unsuspecting Jews walking into the compulsion of computers.

camp line every wall.

It's impossible to know just how many people were killed at Auschwitz. People were treated as less than cattle and few precise retreated as less than cattle and few precise records were made. But when the groups walked through rooms filled with stolen eyeglasses, shaven hair ripped from the heads of female prisoners and seemingly endless piles of shoes – including those for children – the impact becomes painfully clear. A few of the young people started to cry. From there we're taken into a gallery of faces – photographs taken of

Emily Beynon and Mae Lawley from Oldbury Wells School, Bridgnorth the first prisoners in the camp. Each new area becomes more and more personal, with life sto-ries, birth dates and death dates. All too often, the death date is unknown. It's only then that we're walked back onto

the street and towards the crematorium.

Afterwards students described it as "cold". Made of brick, it seemed more like a storage space. Somebody had left flowers next to the

door.
The strange atmosphere of the crematorium was the perfect preparation for Birkenau, the second part of the camp a few minutes down the road. About 75 per cent of the people who arrived at Birkenau were picked to die. They were brought in on cattle carts along black metal tracks. When they arrived, some were sent to work and others were sent to their

deaths. Those that lived suffered with humildeaths. Hose that he've shirefed with infilminiating and painful torture, as well as rampant disease. It was along the black tracks that the groups entered the camp.

Mae Lawley and Emily Beynon, from Oldbury Wells School in Bridgnorth, said it had

been an emotional experience.

May said: "You don't expect it. You can't prepare. Auschwitz isn't like a normal mu-

prepare. Auschwitz isn't like a normal museum. You don't go into places where people were physically killed.

"It's so important to come here on trips like this so that we can spread the word to others and see what these people had to go through." Emily said: "You see the pictures, the hair and where they were killed and it all adds up for you. It's intense. We are here so we can make sure that history doesn't repeat itself."



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The local primary school and public house are close by and there are regular local bus services into the towns of Oswestry and Welshpool.

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs off to the first floor landing and a fitted carpet. The cloakroom/WC comprises of a low level WC and vinyl flooring.

Having a focal point feature fireplace, the living room has a fitted carpet and double doors to the dining room with laminate flooring.

Having modern units, the kitchen includes a stainless steel single drainer sink with matching wall cupboards and base units, work-tops, complementary wall tiling, plumbing for a washing machine, space for a fridge, an electric oven, hob, extractor fan, an under-stairs cupboard, rear external door and vinyl lay flooring.

The conservatory has a Colonial fan and light, blinds and laminate flooring and doors to the rear garden.

Upstairs, the galleried landing has an airing cupboard and a fitted carpet.

Bedroom one has a double wardrobe and a fitted carpet. Bedroom two has a single wardrobe and a fitted carpet, while bedroom three has laminate flooring.

The bathroom has a white suite comprising a bath with an electric shower and a screen, a low level WC, pedestal wash hand basin, extractor, heated towel rail, wall tiling and vinyl flooring.

Outside, to the front of the house is a lawned garden with a wide tarmacadam driveway providing ample car parking for two vehicles. The rear enclosed garden is laid principally down to lawn and also features a paved

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In more detail an open porch to the front gives access to the front door to the entrance hall with an entry-phone system.

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The dining room has double doors opening out to the rear patio.

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Bedroom two has a double built-in wardrobe. while bedroom three has a single door built-in wardrobe and bedroom four has a double door built-in wardrobe. Fitted with a modern P-shaped bath, the bathroom has a plumbed shower fitting and screen, low flush WC, a vanity wash hand basin and complementary wall tiling.

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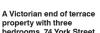






Victorian end of terrace home in town is well maintained

OSWESTRY £167,500



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property with three bedrooms, 74 York Street, Oswestry is tastefully decorated and well maintained throughout.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £167,500. Its accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge/ dining room, a beautifully fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom. The property is warmed by gas central heating and double glazing. To the outside is a garage, a small front garden a private side garden and a rear yard with storage a shed. Number 74 is conveniently located and within walking distance of Oswestry town centre which has an abundance of local amenities including schools and leisure facilities. The front of the property is walled and paved with a brick driveway leading to the garage. The side garden is private with decking. The rear garden has a paved yard.

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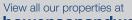














Bungalow is in easy distance of town centre

OSWESTRY £139,950

A semi-detached bungalow with a level and low maintenance garden plot, 3 Walford Road, Oswestry, is located within easy walking distance of the town centre.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £139,950. The home benefits from gas central heating and has double glazing. Accommodation includes an entrance hall, a lounge, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms. There is ample parking and a rear garden. The property benefits from solar panels and a recently installed Worcester boiler. The home occupies a quiet position on Walford Road which is a popular residential area within easy level walking distance of the town's shopping centre.

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E Homes 'should not be built on green spaces'

AN archaeologist wants to see any new housing allocations in Shropshire concentrated on brownfield sites.

Dr George Nash, who is part of the Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort group, said the county's heritage was under threat from housing.

He said he does not want to see new

housing built on green spaces close to historic sites. Shropshire Council is carrying out a partial review of its current Local Plan

and extend it to cover the period up to

Under the existing local plan, 27,500 houses will be required between 2006 and 2026.

The review of the plan is asking whether an additional 11,000, 12,000 whether an adultolian 11,000, 12,000 or 13,000 houses should be built in the Shropshire Council area between now and 2036. An eight-week consultation into the new plan runs until March 20.

Dr Nash, who lives in Wem and is a research fellow at the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Bristol, said he did not believe that Shropshire needed the extra homes.

And he added: "Our heritage is under reset these from the total way."

And he added: "Our heritage is under great threat from the too much development put in the wrong place.

"Every settlement, every village should help bear the load of the housing with new homes dispersed over the county rather than centred on the urban areas." He said that in Oswestry there was particular concern for houses being build too close to the Oswestry Hill Fort and Brogyntyn Hall and its parkland, as well as the remains of Wat's Dyke which runs through the centre of Oswestry and World War One practice trenches at Park Hall.

Charlies looks for expansion

A COUNTRY store that has just reached a sales turnover of £40 million is now one of Wales's largest independent retailers and is set to open a store in a city.

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The latest set of accounts for Charlies Stores based at Welshpool, which has one of its seven stores in Shrewsbury, show that turnover grew to £40.3 million in the year to July 2016 – up from £38.8 million in 2014/15. Pre-tax profit also increased to £2.1 million from £1.6 million the year before.

The business of the store of t

before.

The business has opened a second outlet in Aberystwyth, with another set to open in Swansea, becoming its first city store. Insider Media Limited said that plans are also in place for 110,000 sq ft distribution centre at Offa's Dyke Business Park Welshpool, which will enable Charlies to serve a larger number of stores and to grow its electronic commerce business.

The firm's directors said: "We remain

The firm's directors said: "We remain optimistic about the future and as a consequence our level of investment in 2016," will be higher than the previous year." In its report accompanying the accounts, the directors said: "Looking at the year as a whole, our key sales successes came from ecommerce, with sales up 26 per cent and Carmarthen, where our sales were 10 per cent higher than leat were."

Singing star is set to entertain

FORMER frontman of hit recording group The Rockin' Berries and Jive Bunny, Terry Webster will be appearing in Welshpool on Saturday.

With a showbiz career spanning over 50 years, Terry Webster has actually per-formed in shows featuring many of the legends of Rock n Roll and show business

regends of rock it roll and snow business that he now impersonates. He has performed in shows featuring Little Richard, Sam Cooke, Del Shannon, Gene Vincent, Cliff Richard & The Shad-ows, Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Emile

Ford & The Checkmates.

He won Vocal Group of the year with his sister Patti Brook and the Diamonds in 1960.

He turned to to comedy impressions in His new solo act is wowing audiences wherever he goes, organisers have said.

He will perform at the Church House

Welshpool on Saturday at 7.30pm, tickets available from Theatre Hafren Box Office or Welshpool Jewellers.

Activities lined up at attraction despite vandalism



There's plenty of activities available at Park Hall Countryside Experience for half term

BOSSES at Park Hall Countryside Experience near Oswestry have lined up a series of activities for the half term holiday.

One of the key attractions will be Lambing Live from Saturday until February 26.

said: "There will be lambs born every day so you have a good chance of witnessing a birth. "Lamb feeding remains one of the most pop-

ular activities at Park Hall, and of course you can stroke and pet the lambs in the interactive Rachel Mottram from the visitor attraction animal barn throughout the day. Always on the despite finding vandalism at the site over the of the busy spring season

Bosses remain positive despite finding signs had been vandalised over the weekend

lookout for unusual and exciting additions to the farm Park Hall have installed a challenging $3\mathrm{D}$ spatial climbing globe which promises to be a great attraction."

Bosses are confident of a successful season

weekend. Staff arrived at the farm on Sunday morning to discover signs had been daubed in black paint

Richard Powell, director, said it would not

Hundreds give the hillfort a hug despite cold weather



Sally Phillips and Malcolm Morris from New Fairholme Care Home made hearts



Campaigners make their message clear to an aerial drone which took photos of the event

Report by Deborah Hardiman

HUNDREDS of people braved hail showers to show their love for one of Shropshire's most important ancient monuments when they encircled it with hearts at the weekend.

The Hug a Hillfort event at Oswest ry's Iron Age hillfort saw about 350 supporters unfurl a half a mile long string of hearts and wrap the 1,000

string of hearts and wrap the 1,000 hearts around the structure. It was organised by the Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort (HOOOH) group. They want to raise awareness of and protect the hillfort and the rest of Oswestry's heritage. Sunday's event also attracted visitors from across the country including representatives from the Stonehenge Alliance who are campaigning against plans for a road tunnel near the famous Wiltshire tourist attraction.

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Kate Clarke, of HOOOH, said: "We made a complete circle of the part of the site. We put up 1,000 hearts although we didn't quite manage to get round the whole of the fort in a human chain.

"People value their green space, health and heritage and just want the authorities to think carefully about how they extend the town and where houses are put up."

The string of hearts was made by the local community, from pupils in primary schools to residents of care homes such as

New Fairholme

As well as the Hug a Hillfort event, the weekend included exhibitions and a seminar on Saturday on the structure and its

importance.
Volunteers have also been working with
English Heritage to clear scrub from the
hillfort and help encourage wildlife.





An aerial drone captured the protest. Photo: Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort.

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Bike and skate § proposals are 🖁 put to council 🖁

A BIKE track and skate park could be built in a Mid Wales town if plans are giv-en the green-light by the local authority. Residents group Llanfyllin Commu-nity Initiative has lodged the plans with Powys County Council for the bike track and skate park behind the Spar store in the town the town.

the town.

In its planning application, the group said the town's businesses would reap financial rewards if the track and skate park was approved.

A spokesman for the group said: "It will enhance a community spirit, also bring others into the community which would increase the footfall in the town, which would benefit local businesses, putting Llanfyllin on the biking map, a facility that could inspire young people to achieve great sporting provess.

facility that could inspire young people to achieve great sporting prowess.

"If people wanted to develop their skills currently they have to travel outside the community, whereas a bike track would bring people to the community."

As part of the plans, the bike track includes mounds and follows a closed circuit, while the skate park part of the site includes quarter pipes, banks, rails and steps. The group also said the facility would increase road safety in the town. "With safety in mind, young people use

would increase road safety in the town.
"With safety in mind, young people use
the streets as their bike track endangering themselves and road users or make
poorly built kit in the car park," the
spokesman said. "Our bike track would
be built with safety in mind, paying attention to the environment in which it
will be built." will be built.

will be built."

Although the plans have not been met with any opposition from the community, Wales & West Utilities has responded the application warning it has pipes in the area, so it might affect apparatus.

Landowners in mast warning

LANDOWNERS are being advised to seek professional advice to protect their interests and secure the best deal following moves to establish new mobile telephone masts across Shropshire and surrounding counties.

Shaun Jones, a rural professional director at estate agents, valuers, surveyor and auctioneers Halls, has had approaches acctioners rais, has had approximately from several landowners relating to proposed sites for telephone masts in Shropshire and the Wrexham area in the last 12 months. He anticipates more enquiries will follow in the coming months.

"Members of the public are fed up with poor mobile phone coverage in many parts of the country and have put pressure on operators to improve their network," he explained. "Central governments of the country and the country are the country and the country are considered to the country and the country are country and the country and the country are country and the country are considered to the country and the country and the country are considered to the country and the country are considered to the country and the country and the country are considered to the country are considere ment has applied pressure and the operators are now seeking new sites on which to erect masts

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"EE, in particular, are applying for planning consent for numerous new masts because it has a government contract to provide emergency services coverage in surprisingly rural areas.

"There has been a notable increase in publications for now itsee in Strenghing."

applications for new sites in Shropshire and surrounding counties and it's impor-tant that landowners seek professional advice to secure the best possible deal and to protect their interests."

Worries over radiotherapy

RADIOTHERAPY services at Shrop-shire's hospitals could be downgraded – because national health chiefs have not included the population of Mid Wales in their calculations.

Services provided by Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust would be reduced to a "satellite unit" under NHS England proposals.

England proposals.

The county would fall into the lowest of three tiers of coverage as fewer than 500,000 people are deemed to rely on services provided in the area's hospitals. But health chiefs have claimed if Powys's population was included it would take the region above the threshold, enabling it to provide more services for patients. A letter will be written to NHS England urging officials to reconsider their population ing officials to reconsider their population forecast for the area. The hospital trust, which runs Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal, currently sits within the middle tier which provides radiotherapy treatment for common and less common cancers.

Richard toasts the future of village's community



ing village services, so much so that he has just

villages of Penley, Hanmer and Overton lost their bus service last year. He helped to campaign for the 146 Whitchurch to Wrexham service to be brought back. It was cancelled when GHA coaches went The new landlord of the Parish Pump in Criftins, near Oswestry, said the building is a Critinis, near Oswestry, san the bunding is a lifeline for the community.

It has not only a pub but also has the village hall and post office under its roof as well as tennis courts and a bowls green outside.

Mr Hobson, 30, became interested in helping into liquidation, leaving people in the area

Now he hopes that re-opening the Parish Pump will help the Criftins community. It shut after Christmas when the previous

landlord stepped down.

The businessman owns three companies and

specialises in marine management, managing yachts all over the Mediterranean.

He also provides outside bars to various events in the region.

events in the region.

"It was the perfect opportunity for me, it's local so I get to see my family more and I can rotate stock through the bars and shift a greater volume," he said. Mr Hobson has a vision for the village and his aim is to keep things going for the people in the area

He said: "Villages around the country are

Richard Hobson, right, raises a glass with Ian Ward and Karen Ward

He said: Villages around the country are losing their facilities, it was important for me to keep things going, for the village. "It's not about making a quick coin, I've dropped drink prices by 20p. This is a lifeline service for some people, I'm more interested in the community." the community

the community."
Mr Hobson also plans to stand as a councillor
for the Maelor South Ward, which covers Hanmer, Penley and Overton on Wrexham County
Borough Council, in May.

Grieving mother determined to pass on her knife message



Alison Cope's talented son Josh Ribera lost his life to knife crime



The Knife Angel at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry, Photos; Jamie Ricketts,

Report by Sue Austin

ALISON Cope looks at the Knife Angel sculpture with a mix of horror and appreciation.

RICHARD Hobson is passionate about retain-

rural areas keep their services when the border

She marvels at the beauty of the angel's wings, the emotion, sadness and

gel's wings, the emotion, sadness and confusion on its face.
Yet as she looks at each individual knife that has been used to create the statue she knows that one very similar was used to murder her son. Josh Ribera was just 18 and a rising star in the music world known to his fans as grime artist Depzman – when his life was taken in a moment of madness at a party.
Since that night in 2013, when her son told her he loved her then never came home, Alison has devoted her life to educating young people about the dangers of

nome, Alison has devoted ner life to edu-cating young people about the dangers of carrying knives.

Alison was one of the first mothers to carve a message on to one of the blades of the Knife Angel sculpture, crafted at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near

Oswestry.
She said: "It is an amazing piece of art.
The angel's expression is so full of sadness, its hands outstretched are asking, why?"

The sculpture stands almost complete.

The sculpture stands almost complete, built from knives donated by virtually every police force in Britain.

The centre's chairman Clive Knowles said the only forces left to join in were South Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Police and Sussex Police.

He said: "All three forces have now com-

mitted to releasing knifes and to support our National Monument against Violence

and Aggression.
"If we can arrange collection, we can finish the monument for this summer, enabling us to finally apply for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square."



Campaigner Alison Cope admires the Knife Angel



Cinema listings SING (U)



Bear-ly good - 6/10

Koala bear entrepreneur Buster Moon (voiced by Matthew McConaughey) inherited a theatre from his father, but the business has gone into decline and creditors are circling. In order to save the business, Buster organises a singing competition with a 1,000 US dollar prize. Unfortunately, elderly iguana assistant Ms Crawly adds two more zeroes to the prize on posters.

DENIAL (12A)



Legal wrangle - 6/10 A high-profile libel lawsuit A high-prolife liber lawsult between Holocaust denier David Irving and Penguin Books Ltd, representing American author Deborah Lipstadt, took more than three years to resolve before a final ruling in April 2000 at the High Court of Justice in London. Lipstadt (Rachel Weisz) and Irving (Timothy Spall) sit on opposite sides of the heated debate.

THE WHITE KING (12A)



Regal romp - 7/10

The White King is a dystopi-an drama about a 12-year-old boy, whose world is shattered when his father is arrested for political crimes against the state. Diata (Lorenzo Allchurch) sees family life shattered when fa-ther Peter (Ross Partridge) is imprisoned. Mother Hannah (Agyness Deyn) is strangely reluctant to seek help from her in-laws (Jonathan Pryce and Fiona Shaw).

LION (PG)



Really roars - 9/10 Saroo (Sunny Pawar) lives in 1987 Khandwa with his mother and siblings. A horrible twist of fate separates Saroo from his brother and he is trapped aboard a train which heads 1,600km east which heads 1,000km east to the bustling shanty towns of Calcutta. Many years later, Saroo (now played by Dev Patel) is encouraged to use onliné satellite mapping software to trace the railway

XXX: RETURN OF XANDER (12A)



Lacks X Factor - 6/10 A powerful device called Pandora's Box, which controls every military satellite in the world, falls into the clutches of a terrorist called Xiang (Donnie Yen) and his

The future of mankind hangs in the balance and National Security Agent Augustus Gibbons (Samuel L Jackson) recruits Xander Cage (Vin Diesel) to avert global

SPLIT (15)



Mixed feelings - 6/10 For her birthday celebration at a local restaurant, popular high school student Claire high school student Claire Benoit (Haley Lu Richard-son) invites her classmates, including best friend Marcia (Jessica Sula) and creepy outcast, Casey (Anya Tay-lor-Joy). On the way home, a socially awkward misfit called Kevin Crumb (James McAvoy) kidnaps the three girls, spiriting them away to a bunker.



Desmond wants to serve as a medic like his girlfriend



Horror of war laid bare

Review by Damon Smith

DIRECTOR Mel Gibson returns, all guns blazing, with a riveting wartime drama based on the true story of Desmond Doss.

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Doss served with valour during the Second World War without having to fire a single bullet. He became the first conscientious objector to receive America's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, bestowed on the precious few who have distinguished themselves with incredible gallantry beyond the call of duty.

In Doss' extraordinary case, he ran into a hail of Japanese bullets in May 1945 at the Battle of Okinawa, without a weapon to return fire, and risked his life to rescue injured soldiers from the blood-soaked battleground.

In an era of questionable morality, when

In an era of questionable morality, when principles are repeatedly compromised for the sake of selfish gain, one man's inspirational journey of righteous self-sacrifice is an invigorating tonic.

Gibson directs with verve, orchestrating hellish battle scenes. Aerial bombardments scythe through flesh, ripping limbs from torsos or exploding craniums as a well-targeted bullet careens through an eye socket. The senseless slaughter of young men in the prime of their lives is heartbreaking.

Desmond (Andrew Garfield) is born and raised with his brother Hal (Nathaniel Buzolic) in Lynchburg, Virginia against the picturesque backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

His father Tom (Hugo Weaving) is an In an era of questionable morality, when

Mountains.

His father Tom (Hugo Weaving) is an emotionally scarred veteran of the First World War and mother Bertha (Rachel Griffiths) educates her brood using The Bible.

At an early age, Desmond almost kills Hal and he is haunted by the episode.

bat training under no-nonsense Sergeant



Vince Vaughn, second left, stars as no-nonsense Sergeant Howell

"To take another man's life is the most egregious sin," counsels Bertha.

Her words have a profound effect on

ner words nave a protound effect of Desmond, who takes up a vow of paci-fism, even when he enrols in the US Army. He intends to follow the lead of his nurse girlfriend, Dorothy Schutte (Teresa Palmer), and serve as a medic.

Howell (Vince Vaughn) and instantly makes enemies of the rest of the squad, especially bullying ringleader Smitty Ryker (Luke Bracey), by refusing to carry arms.

Desmond's defiance leads to his arrest for insubordination and he faces a trial behind closed doors overseen by Captain Glover (Sam Worthington) and Captain Stelzer (Richard Roxburgh).

Hacksaw Ridge pulls no punches in its

depiction of the horrors of conflict. Garfield delivers a mesmerising lead performance as a gentle and caring man who yearns to serve the country he loves, but isn't willing

serve the country he loves, but isn't willing to abandon his moral compass in the name of patriotism.

Gibson marries moments of silent, agonising regret with explosions of deafening pyrotechnic spectacle. It's a brutal, uncompromising assault on the senses.

Book reviews

BEHIND HER EYES

By Sarah Pinborough Published by Harper

Did The Girl On The Train have you hooked? Still talking about Gone Girl? This latest keepem-guessing thriller, by award-winning adult and YA author Sarah Pinborough, is already being billed as this year's must-read for fans of the genre. Like its predeces-sors, it ticks those crucial criteria boxes: The action revolves around a deceit-riddled relation-ship and all is not as it seems - not that you're sure who's the victim/ baddie or what's really going on.Housewife Adele and her psychia-



trist husband David look like they have a perfect life and marriage. But beautiful Adele is clearly hiding something. And why does David seem more troubled than his patients?

Review by Abi Jackson

BAD DREAMS

By Tessa Hadley Published by Jonathan Cape

This book is a delightful introduction to the writing of Tessa Hadley. The absorbing nature of Hadley's novels is dem-onstrated in these short stories, through her ability to capture the intricate details of domestic life and make them interesting. The collection tackles a range of topics; through coming-of-age, to the challenges of getting old. In 'Experience', the failure of a relationship becomes the oppor-tunity for a young woman to realise her ability to change her future by broadening her options.

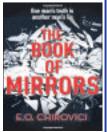


The path she follows may not endear her to the reader, but it's gripping. In 'Bad Dreams', the bedroom is described so richly you can almost touch the furniture and ouch the furniture and agent's desk. Is the book a veiled confession, or is Review by Linda Wright it pure fiction? The mysfeel the fabrics.

BOOK OF MIRRORS

By F O Chirovici

Published by Century Even the twists have twists in this edge-ofthe-seat thriller, the first written in English by Transylvania-born former journalist E.O. Chiro-vici. It centres on the unsolved murder of a well-known psychologist and Princeton college professor rumoured to be involved in an under-cover government pro-ject. Written from three viewpoints, the story kicks off 25 years later, after a manuscript written by a student who knew him lands on a literary



tery is taken up by a journalist who reinvestigates the case from the beginning and, finally, we hear from the retired detective who failed to solve it at the time, but comes back for a second crack

Review by Gill Oliver



Laura Whitmore has appeared in a string of TV shows



Famous faces of small screen take to stage

THREE well-known faces from the small screen will be treading the boards at Theatre Severn lat-

er this year.

Award-winning actor Bill Ward, who left ITV's Emmerdale in a murderous exit last October, is to star in the stage adaptation of multi-million selling au-

thor Peter James' Not Dead Enough. He will appear alongside Laura Whitmore and Stephen Billington, and will play Peter James' famous literary Detective Superintendent Roy Grace.

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As well as his three-year run and a recent explosive exit from his role as Emmerdale, Bill is also known for his multi award-winning turn as the villainous Charlie Stubbs in Coronation Street.

Bill's West End stage credits include Johnny in Viva Forever at the Piccadilly Theatre and Sam Phillips in Million Dollar Quartet.

The plot of Not Dead Enough involves the character Brian Bishop who claims he was 60 miles away when his wife was murdered.

But as Detective Superintendent Roy Grace continues to deal with the mysterious disappearance of his own wife, he starts to dig a little deeper into the chilling murder case and it soon becomes clear that love can be a dangerous thing.

case and it soon becomes clear that love can be a dangerous thing.

No stranger to theatre, Laura's acting career began at a young age with the Leinster School of Music and Drama in Dublin.

In the very same year that she completed her diploma in performance with a special honour for her final performance she was chosen as the new face of MTV Europe.

She is best known for her work as a presenter for MTV, The Brits, I'm a Celebrity Get Me Here Now, and most recently was one of the stars in 2016's Strictly Come Dancing on BBC1.

She said: "I'm a huge fan of Peter James' books and so honoured to be cast as his Cleo Morley.

"Peter has created a strong character and an't wait to sink my teeth into the role." Bill and Laura are also joined on stage by

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best known for television roles in Coronation Street and Hollyoaks as well as film roles including the Academy Award win-

roles including the Academy Award winning Braveheart.

Not Dead Enough is the third novel in the award-winning Roy Grace series which have been published in 36 languages and are popular enough to have sold more than 18 million copies worldwide.

The play opens at Theatre Severn on May 8 and runs for one week, so time to snap up those seats

nose seats.

Tickets are available now from the venue

box office and online.

Meanwhile, work by Charles Dickens will also take the stage at Theatre Severn.

A Tale of Two Cities will be showing next

month.

Andy Wright, who plays Jerry Cruncher in the upcoming show, staged by Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society, said: "Cruncher is a grave robber although he prefers the more genteel term 'resurrectionist' to describe his nocturnal activity. "He provides bodies for medical research that would not have been readily available."

that would not have been readily available and, of course, makes a few bob into the bargain. This was fairly common in the 18th and 19th centuries and technically not illegal as no one owns a corpse.

"Cruncher is one of the colourful cast of characters that you would expect from Charles Dickens. He is a rogue and not above bending the law, but his heart is in the right place."

when Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society perform A Tale of Two Cities, a magnificent new musical set to rousing original music, it will be the Shropshire premiere of the production.

Tickets are available from Theatre Sevrecords are available from Theatre Severn wow, theatresevern.co.uk and the performances are March 22-25, nightly at 7.30pm and a matinee at 2.30pm on March 25. For more information contact the box office on 01743 281281.



Bill Ward has appeared in Coronation Street and Emmerdale

journeys are just the ticket over half term week



The view alongside the tracks.

steam trams and three new exhibitions are on offer to visitors at the Severn Valley Railway this half-term.

The railway's heritage steam locomotives will be in full steam from Saturday to February 26,

from Saturday to February 26, taking passengers on exciting journeys through the Severn Valley, stopping-off at each of the six historic stations along the way. A hive of activity, The Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley, home of the railway's reserve collection of full-size steam locomotives, will feature a number of new exhibits.

Visitors can see a unique miniature tramway layout, with sound effects, all hand-built by past and present members of the Manchester Model

Tramway Group and try their hand at operating a real tram. Budding tram drivers of all ages can try their hand at operating the trams as they make their way along the tracks.

Children can join in a fun, themed quiz or let-off some steam on The Engine House's outdoor play area.

The trio of exhibitions, brand new for 2017, will launch at The Engine House this half-term.

This year marks the 10th anniver-

This year marks the 10th anniversary since floods caused large amounts of damage to the SVR, causing sections of the line to close for months and triggering a fundraising campaign which raised £3.8million to repair the damage. The 'Storm Damage of 2007' exhibition features memories and striking images of the aftermath of that unforgettable July storm, and the extensive work involved in rebuilding

'The Art of the Railway Poster' tells the story of the 'big four' railway com-panies looking for ways to promote train travel to the public, showcasing train travel to the public, showcasing a range of original posters of the era which enthusiasts will find fascinating. And finally, 'Signs of the Times' is a display of London Underground and Great Western Railway signs.

Clare Gibbard, the SVR's marketing and communications manager, said: "We are offering a real treat for visitors of all ages this half-term.

"Children will love getting on board our steam trains for a fun trip along the line, having a go at driving the

our steam trains for a fun trip along the line, having a go at driving the miniature trams, exploring all the interactive exhibits and adults can explore our three new and exciting exhibitions."

The railway is also preparing to welcome family favourites Peppa Pig and George on May 6 and 7.

DVD releases

Captain Fantastic (15)



This is a bittersweet tale of modern parenting

STARRING: Viggo Mortensen, George MacKay, Samantha Isler, Annalise Basso, Nicholas Hamil-ton, Shree Crooks, Charlie Shot-well, Frank Langella, Trin Miller DIRECTOR: Matt Ross RUNNING TIME: 118 minutes

en Cash (Viggo Mortensen) and his wife Leslie (Trin Miller) raise their six-strong brood in relative isolation so their children won't be tainted by capitalism or organised religion.

The youngsters – Bodevan (George MacKay), Kielyr (Samantha Isler), Vespyr (Annalise Basso), Rellian (Nicholas Hamilton), Zaja (Shree Crooks) and Nai (Charlie Shotwell) – learn to live off the land and they fire their imaginations by reading classics like The Brothers

Karamazov.

Alas, Leslie has bipolar disorder and eventually takes her own life while undergoing hospital treatment. Ben wants to take the children to the funeral, but Leslie's father Jack (Frank Langella) forbids him from

Lesile's latiner Jack (Frank Langella) forbids him from attending.

"Grandpa can't oppress us," argues Zaja and the fami-ly boards their ramshackle bus and heads to New Mexi-co to give Leslie the Buddhist cremation she requested. Captain Fantastic is a heartfelt and bittersweet medita-

tion on the perils of modern parenting, which lives up to the superlative of its title.

Mortensen's magnificent portrayal of a patriarch, who worries he might be ruining his children's lives, is matched by mesmerising performances from young costars including London-born MacKay.

They gel magnificently on screen and relish snappy di-ogue that sensitively addresses the fresh wounds of an unconventional family wrestling with that most universal of feelings: loss.

Bridget Jones's Baby (15)



Renee Zellweger is back as Bridget Jones

STARRING: Renee Zellweger, SIAHRINUS: Henee Zeliweger, Colin Firth, Patrick Dempsey, Sarah Solemani, Neil Pearson, Jim Broad-bent, Gemma Jones DIRECTOR: Sharon Maguire RUNNING TIME: 127 minutes

ridget Jones (Renee Zellweger) careens at high speed towards her 43rd birthday without a wedding ring on her finger.

Out a wedding ring on ner tinger.

She works as a producer at Hard News alongside old boss Richard Finch (Neil Pearson) and newscaster pal Miranda (Sarah Solemani), who suggests a hedonistic girls-only weekend at a music festival.

A late-night blunder into the wrong yurt leads to a spontaneous coupling with a handsome American love guru called Jack Quant (Patrick Dempsey). A few days later, Bridget is powerless to resist the silky charms of old flame Mark Darcy (Colin Firth), who is separating from his wife. from his wife.

A pregnancy test at work confirms Bridget is about to

become a mother, if only she knew who the father was... Bridget Jones's Baby throws a warm, affectionate and frequently hilarious baby shower for characters we've grown to love, and proves Bridget is no closer to achiev-ing her 'happy ever after'. Zellweger slips back into the title role with ease, oozing lovability, fragility, and regret as she wonders how to broach the subject of paternity with her two suitors.

The third film may have taken 12 years to come full-term, but the wait has been worth it.



Who Dares Wins

5.25pm

Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up.



Testament of Youth

9pm

Premiere. When her fiance and brother are sent to the front line during the early days of the First World War, a young woman gives up her studies at Oxford University to follow them. She becomes a nurse, and the horrors she witnesses during the conflict change her outlook. Period drama, starring Alicia Vikander.



Through the Keyhole 9.20pm

Keith Lemon hosts a revival of the classic game show originally presented by David Frost. Celebrity panellists David Haye, Samia Longchambon and Dave Berry are given a guided tour to three mystery homes, and are challenged to guess the identities of the famous occupants.



Great Canal Journeys

8pm

Timothy West and Prunella Scales make a two-stage journey across Scotland. They begin by travelling through the Caledonian Canal, which connects the lochs of the Great Glen and runs from the North Sea to the Atlantic. They then head north into the Highlands.



Football on 5: The Championship

Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Birmingham City v Queens Park Rangers at St Andrew's, Barnsley v Brighton & Hove Albion at Oakwell, and Wigan Athletic v Preston North End at DW Stadium.

BBC1

Breakfast.

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. EastEnders actress Diane Parish (Denise Fox) visits the kitchen, as Michel Roux Jr invites chefs Luke Tipping and José Pizarro to prepare more dishes in the studio.

The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. The pastry chef prepares

the cuisine of Paris. (R)

Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests preview the FA Cup fifth round, which will include Burnley v Lincoln City and Sutton United v Arsenal among the

1.00 BBC News: Weather.

Live Athletics: Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the prestigious meeting from the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham, where Mo Farah is expected to be among the star attractions

Final Score. A round-up of this 4.30 afternoon's football results.

BBC News. 5.10

Midlands Today; Weather. 5.25

Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

Pointless Celebrities. A "law and

6.10 order" special, with Helen Fraser Victoria Alcock, Roberta Taylor, Chris Ellison, Arthur Bostrom, Mina Anwar, Dominic Littlewood and Matt Allwright

6.55 Let It Shine. The four boy-bands display their dance skills in the semifinal, before Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc let viewers champion their favourite. With guest judge Ashley

Casualty. lain's efforts to make amends 7.55 for his past have unforeseen repercussions, and Dylan finds himself snowed under when the hospital is nundated with binge drinkers

8.45 Let It Shine - The Results. The top two bands from the viewer vote progress to the final as the results arrive, leaving the bottom two to fight for the third spot but the judges have a twist in store.

9.15 Taboo. James Delaney loses everything, and as the Crown and the East India Company conspire against him, a devastating betrayal places even his freedom in jeopardy.

10.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery

MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the fifth round of matches, including 10.30 Huddersfield Town v Manchester City, Burnley v Lincoln City, and sbrough v Oxford United.

11.40 This Country. Daisy May and Charlie Cooper's mockumentary continues, as Kerry's neighbour Mandy Harris opens a tattoo business, and Kurtan tries to rack down a long-lost school friend.

12.05 FILM: Having You (2013). A man wrestling with a fear of commitment is suddenly confronted with the news that he has a seven-year-old son. Drama,

1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead.

BBC2

FILM: Stage Door (1937). Comedy

drama, starring Katharine Hepburn.

FILM: Lucky Jim (1957). A harddrinking junior lecturer frustrated by his stuffy university tries to impress a professor, but his efforts only end in disaster. Comedy, with Ian Carmichael and Terry-Thomas.

Coast. The team explores the UK's north-east coast

Britain's Secret Seas. Marine life off Britain's east coast. (R)

Homes Under the Hammer, Assessing properties in Kent, London and Stoke on-Trent. (R)

A Cook Abroad: John Torode's Argentina. The chef embarks on a road trip through the South American

1.00 Talking Pictures: John Hurt, A profile of the celebrated British actor.

FILM: An Ideal Husband (1999). Oscar 1.30 Wilde comedy drama, starring Cate

Escape to the Country. Searching for a 3.00 home in North Yorkshire. (R)

Mastermind. Five more semi-finalists compete for a place in the final. (R)

University Challenge. The quarter-final matches continue (R) Only Connect. The Beekeepers take on

the Oscar Men. (R)
Nature's Weirdest Events. A frog

whose dinner is fighting back. Last in the series. (R)

Flog It! Anita Manning and Adam Partridge search for collectibles at Crathes Castle in Aberdeenshire, and Paul Martin learns about the building's history. (R)

The Lake District: A Wild Year. Cuttingedge camera techniques offering a new and unique perspective on a turbulent year in the life of England's largest national park. Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. (R)

Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. New series. Paul Murton returns to explore more of the remote and fascinating places that lie off the mainland, beginning by visiting Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Pahhay

Dad's Army. The platoon defends headquarters in an exercise against members of the Highland Regiment. Classic episode from 1969, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

FILM: Testament of Youth (2014). Premiere. A young woman gives up her place at Oxford University to be a nurse during the First World War. Period drama, starring Alicia Vikander and Kit

FILM: Safe Haven (2013). A woman trying to make a fresh start in a coastal town realises she must confront the dark past she is running from. Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough.
FILM: The White Ribbon (2009). A

German village is plagued by a series of strange and sinister events in the months leading up to the First World War. Mystery, starring Christian Friedel This Is BBC2.

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7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! Two hours of children's fun.

Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. Roadworks shatter Bean's peace. (R)

Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. Henry 7.50

decides to go on strike. (R)

Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! The 8.10 teenage superheroes fight to save the world. (R)

8.30 Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. Children are taught to survive

9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time. Fun for

children. (R) 9.25 ITV News

Alphabetical. Quiz, hosted by Jeff

Stelling. (R)

Guess This House. Property game 10.30

show, hosted by Saira Khan. (R) Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)

ITV News and Weather; Weather.

River Monsters. Jeremy Wade heads to the rivers of India's Himalayan region. (R)

Tipping Point. Game show, hosted by 1.05 Ben Shephard. (R)

The Chase, Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)

Dance Dance. Final of the celebrity dance contest. Last in the

ITV News Central: Weather.

ITV News and Weather.

FILM: Despicable Me (2010). Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell.

Ninja Warrior UK. The final round arrives as the most successful participants from throughout this series return to put their strength, speed and agility to the test once again. Last in the

The Voice UK. In the last Blind Audition. Jennifer Hudson, Gavin Rossdale, Will.i.am and Tom Jones get one last chance to fill out their rosters before the beginning of the Battle phase.

Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon hosts the game show in which panellists David Haye, Samia Longchambon and Dave Berry are challenged to identify the homes of the rich and famous.

ITV News and Weather; Weather FILM: Knocked Up (2007). An ambitious journalist unexpectedly becomes pregnant after a one-night stand with a directionless lavabout. Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen,

Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd.

Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively

chat from the presenting team.

Who's Doing the Dishes? With mystery host Nick Hancock. (R) ITV Nightscreen.

Channel 4

The King of Queens. Doug loses his

The King of Queens. (R)
Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)

Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) Everybody Loves Raymond. Debra

gives Ray cause for concern. (R) 8.30 Frasier. Niles and Frasier try to help

their old school. (R) 9.00 Frasier. Niles spoils Frasier's new radio

show. (R)

The Big Bang Theory. (R) The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon presses Leonard and Penny to choose a date

for their wedding. (R)

The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon and

Penny bond as they miss Leonard. (R) **The Simpsons.** Marge has a nervous

breakdown. (R) 11.25 The Simpsons. Mrs Krabappel looks for love. (R)

12.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. With guest Tom Daley. Last in the

Come Dine with Me. The first of a week of dinner parties in Kent. (R)

Come Dine with Me. The second night of the dinner party challenge in Kent.

2.00 Come Dine with Me. Dog enthusiast Karen hosts the third night in Kent. (R) Come Dine with Me. Musician Amrick

hosts the next party in Kent. (R) 3.00 Come Dine with Me. Anthony plans the

final evening in Kent. (R) A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. A couple looking for a retirement home on the Costa Blanca. (R)

Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer visit Essex

and Hertfordshire. (R) **Grand Designs.** A bricklayer in Bolton begins work on an ambitious state-of-

the-art wooden home. (R) Channel 4 News.

The Restoration Man. George Clarke revisits Neil Worrell and Jackie Robinson, who renovated of an old fisherman's church in Devon, and now plan to tackle a complex of

underground corridors on Dartmoor. Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales take a two-stage trip across Scotland, travelling along the Caledonian Canal before venturing on a 60-mile journey into the Highlands

(R) FILM: Taken 2 (2012). Former CIA agent Bryan Mills fights to rescue his ex-wife from an Albanian gangster whose son he killed. Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson and Famke Janssen.

FILM: The Bourne Legacy (2012). A government assassin goes on the run when his employers try to bury their dark secrets by having him killed. Spy thriller sequel, with Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz

Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 1.20

2.15 Hollvoaks

Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R)

Fifteen to One. (R)

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R)

10.00

Access

10.40 Police Interceptors. (R)

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Benefits: 26 Kids and Claiming. Large families whose sole source of income is benefits. (R)

Benefits: The Millionaire Shoplifter. 1.35 People who have resorted to less than legal means to make ends meet. Last in

the series. (R) The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A farmer is suspected of killing a family's dogs. (R)

3.35 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A neighbourhood conflict in Wales. (R)

5 News Weekend.

Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords 4.35 Property developer Alex calls in an

eviction specialist. (R)
Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple who owe five months' rent (R)

FIA Formula E Live: Buenos Aires. The Buenos Aires ePrix. Coverage of the third round of the campaign from Puerto Madero Street Circuit in Argentina

Secrets of the Great Train Robbery. Crime documentary, detailing the many mistakes, bad decisions and careless errors made by the gang responsible for the Royal Mail train robbery of August 8, 1963.

Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Birmingham City v Queens Park

Rangers at St Andrew's.

Football on 5: Goal Rush. All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Sheffield United v Scunthorpe United and

Hartlepool United v Plymouth Argyle.

NCIS. An investigation into the death of a retired US Navy lieutenant commander forces Ducky to reveal he has been helping to solve crimes in his spare time

11.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. Deeks places his job in danger when he shoots and kills an unarmed man, prompting unexpected emotions for Kensi as she contemplates losing her partner. (R)

SuperCasino.

Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud. (R)
On Benefits: To Heat or to Eat? That's 4.00 the Question. (R)

4.50 House Doctor, (R)

Nick's Quest. (R)



Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup

1.40pm

Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 2.00pm). Coverage of the fifth-round match from Craven Cottage. The Cottagers will be full of optimism having vanquished Premier League side Hull City here in the previous round, while Spurs defeated Wycombe Wanderers.



Dragons' Den

8pm

Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins assess the profit-making potential of a self-igniting wood-burning stove, a new kind of dating app, a range of authentic ethnic snacks and a fitness company for children. Presented by Evan Davis



The Good Karma Hospital mae

Ruby becomes personally involved in the case of an abandoned baby that is brought to the hospital during the Holi festival, and Lydia is reunited with an expat artist, whose unusual lifestyle may be about to catch up with him. Medical drama, starring Amrita Acharia and Amanda Redman.



The Jump 7.30pm

The remaining celebrity contestants compete in the skeleton event, which requires them to ride down a twisted track on a heavy metal sled with their faces millimetres from the ice. The losers in each race will then have to face the jump to decide who will be the next to leave the series.



The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever?

Documentary made to mark the 25th anniversary of the Queen frontman's death, which explores two of the most important years in his life, from the band's iconic performance at the Live Aid concert in 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987.

BBC1

6.00 7.50 Breakfast. MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the fifth round of matches, including

Huddersfield Town v Manchester City, Burnley v Lincoln City, and

Middlesbrough v Oxford United. (R)
The Andrew Marr Show.
The Big Questions. Religious and 9.00 ethical debates from Leith Academy,

Edinburgh.

Bargain Hunt. Two teams of antiques 11.00 enthusiasts search for bargain buys on Analesev. (R)

12.00 12.15 BBC News; Weather. FILM: Shrek Forever After (2010). A magical trickster leaves the grumpy ogre stuck in an alternate world where no one knows who he is. Animated comedy, with the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz

1.40 Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup. Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 2.00pm). Coverage of the fifth-round match from Craven Cottage, as the teams battle for a place in the last eight.

4.05 Escape to the Country. Searching for a property in rural Herefordshire. (R) 4.50 Lifeline. An appeal on behalf of Hospice UK.

Songs of Praise. David Grant meets the 5.00 first woman in Britain to become an Anglican priest.

5.35

Midlands Today; Weather.
The Big Painting Challenge. Mariella
Frostrup and Rev Richard Coles take 5.50 6.00 the contestants on a trip to Hastings to sharpen their landscape painting skills by capturing the pier and the shoreline on canvas.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison helps with the annual clean-up at Cheddar Gorge, abseiling down the cliffs to check for dangerous loose rocks and helping volunteers to clear back the undergrowth. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. A distant cousin of Fred's who has Down's Syndrome is taken in by the Buckles following the death of his protective mother, but

Violet struggles to cope with his needs. **SS-GB.** New series. Drama set in an 9.00 alternate history of the Second World War where Britain is under German occupation. Two Scotland Yard detectives investigate the murder of a

10.00 BBC News

Midlands Today; Weather. MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the fifth round of matches, featuring Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United, and Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.10 American High School. A revelation about the captain of the basketball team's personal life threatens his future. Vernon tries to persuade his mother to watch him perform with the

11.55 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. The celebrities must write produce and direct a silent video

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead.

BBC2

Big Dreams Small Spaces. Two sets of ambitious gardeners, each facing challenges on a different scale. (R)

An Island Parish: Anguilla. The island hosts its annual carnival. (R)

Around the World in 80 Gardens. Monty Don embarks on a horticultural world tour. (R)

Countryfile Winter Special. Ellie Harrison visits the Cairngorms National Park. (R)

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. John Torode presents highlights of the series

Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. Simple recipes using quality ingredients. (R) Nigellissima. Dishes include liquorice pudding, fregola with clams and

butterflied leg of lamb. (R) A Cook Abroad: Rick Stein's Australia. The chef goes on a culinary tour Down Under. (R)

Omar Sharif: Talking Pictures. Looking back at the actor's life. (R)

FILM: Funny Lady (1975). Broadway star Fanny Brice falls in love with an egotistical showman during the Depression. Sequel to musical comedy Funny Girl, with Barbra Streisand, James Caan and Omar Sharif.

Birds of Paradise: The Ultimate Quest. Part one of two. Benedict Allen and Frank Gardner visit Papua New Guinea

5.15 Ski Sunday. Including action from St Moritz in Switzerland.

FILM: Oz the Great and Powerful (2013). A circus illusionist is transported to a magical world and mistaken for a wizard prophesied to save the realm Fantasy adventure, starring James Franco and Mila Kunis.

Dragons' Den. The panel assess the profit-making potential of a self-igniting stove, a dating app, a range of authentic ethnic snacks and a fitness company for children. Presented by Evan Davis.

Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week. Reggie Yates brings the contestants to South Korea to train with the country's Underwater Demolition Team, where they must drag truck tyres up hills and carry boats on their heads.

10.00 FILM: Being AP (2015). Premiere Documentary about jockey AP McCoy, following him as he weighs up his desire to score a record-breaking number of victories with the pressure to

retire from horse racing.

FILM: Defiance (2008). Three Jewish brothers escape into the forests during the Nazi invasion of Poland and form a resistance movement. Second World War drama, starring Daniel Craig and Jamie Bell.

Sign Zone: Question Time. Topical debate from Glasgow, chaired by David Dimbleby. (R)

Sign Zone: Holby City. Jac may finally acknowledge her feelings for Matteo. while Bernie sees through Serena's attempts to keep everything normal and Kim reaches out to Raf for help. (R) This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

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ITV News.

Countrywise: Guide to Britain. Ben Fogle explores a huge underground cavern in Yorkshire Dales. (R)

Peston on Sunday. Political magazine Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy.

Gino explores Tuscany. (R)

Chopping Block. The cooks take on British classics roast partridge and

Victoria sponge. (R)

ITV News and Weather; Weather. FILM: Carry On Jack (1963). Comedy, with Bernard Cribbins.

All Star Family Fortunes. With Kelvin

Fletcher and Austin Healey. (R) Ninja Warrior UK. The final round arrives. Last in the series. (R)

The Voice UK. The blind audition phase

4.15

5.30 Tipping Point. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)

ITV News Central; Weather. ITV News and Weather.

Take Me Out Celebrity Special. James "Arg' Argent, Melvin Odoom and Nile Wilson try to impress 30 single women and win a date – but must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval.

Lion Country: Night and Day. Two cubs seem to have finally been accepted into the pride and won the approval of the dominant males – but a jealous lioness intends to get rid of them. Last in the

The Good Karma Hospital. An abandoned baby is brought to the hospital, and Lydia is reunited with an expat artist, whose unusual lifestyle may be about to catch up with him.

ITV News and Weather; Weather. Peston on Sunday. Political magazine presented by Robert Peston. (R)

Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 15th round of fixtures, which included Gloucester v Saracens, Bath v Harlequins, and Newcastle Falcons v Northampton Saints.

Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

Chopping Block. Four competitive couples face three Spanish-related cooking challenges set by chef Rosemary Shrager and expert baker John Whaite, including churros. (R)

ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service

5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites quests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

The King of Queens. Doug discovers a new aftershave. (R)
The King of Queens. Carrie hires a

6.40 maid. (R)

Everybody Loves Raymond. Debra 7.10 tries to find out why Robert is grumpy

7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray tries to help Debra. (R)

Everybody Loves Raymond. Robert quits the police. (R) Frasier. Daphne breezes back into

Niles's life. (R) 9.00 Frasier. Daphne tries to convince Niles

she is psychic. (R) Sunday Brunch. New series. With Ant &

Dec, Louisa Lytton, David Gower, Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith. George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. A Devon fireman puts his mother-in-law in

the doghouse. (R) 1.35 The Simpsons. Maude Flanders is killed. (R)

The Simpsons. Homer becomes a 2.05

missionary. (R) FILM: Addams Family Values (1993). Comedy sequel, starring Anjelica Huston and Raul Julia.

Channel 4 News.
FILM: The Karate Kid (2010). Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan

The Jump. The remaining celebrities compete in the skeleton event, riding down a twisted track on a heavy meta sled with their faces millimetres from the ice. Presented by Davina McCall.

FILM: X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014). Premiere. Wolverine is sent back in time to change history and prevent a war that has devastated the world. Superhero adventure sequel. starring Hugh Jackman and Jennife

Lawrence.

11.40 FILM: Lawless (2012). Three brothers running a Depression-era bootlegging operation come under threat from a corrupt sheriff. Crime drama, starring Shia LaBeouf.

The Last Leg. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Victoria Coren Mitchell for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (R)

Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. Property expert Phil Spencer heads to Perth. Western Australia, where he helps Steve and Amanda Lynch search for their dream home. (R)

Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. In Sydney, Phil discovers that finding Linda and Lee Morrell their ideal place is not going to be easy, as Linda has a never-ending wishlist for her new home

Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. A Worcester home that seems to be stuck in a 1980s time warp. (R)

Four in a Bed. The week's winner is announced. (R)

Fifteen to One. Sandi Toksvig hosts the general knowledge quiz, in which 15 contestants are pitted against one another in the hope of securing a place in the end-of-series final. (R)

Channel 5

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The

Neutrinos invade Mikey's mind. (R) Football on 5: The Championship. 10.35

Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (R)

Football on 5: Goal Rush. Goals from

the weekend's games in Leagues One

and Two. (R)
Inside Windsor Castle. The recent

history of the royal residence. (R) Secrets of the National Trust with Alan 12.55 Titchmarsh. The host reveals some surprising facts about Beatrix Potter. (R)
FILM: Seabiscuit (2003). Fact-based

horse racing drama, with Tobey Maguire.

5 News Weekend.
FILM: National Lampoon's Vacation
(1983). Comedy, starring Chevy Chase. 4.35

FILM: National Lampoon's European Vacation (1985). The disaster-prone Griswolds win a holiday touring Europe on a game show - and proceed to cause mayhem wherever they go. Comedy sequel, with Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. Edited for language and sexual content. Includes 5 News Update at 7.25pm.

That's So 1985. A look at events in 1985 using news, pop and TV archive clips to provide a reminder of the time, including the Live Aid concerts prompted by the famine in Ethiopia. (R)

9.00 The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? Documentary exploring two of the most important years in the Queen singer's life, from his performance at the Live Aid concert in . 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987

11.05 20 Moments that Rocked the 80s. Cherie Lunghi presents a countdown of memorable moments, including royal weddings, political scandals, sporting triumphs and the rise to fame of iconic

entertainers. (R) Lip Sync Battle. Hip hop duo Salt N 12.35 Pepa battle it out. (R)

SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. A

single mum launches her own bar. (R) World's Most Pampered Pets. Part two 4.00 of two. A disco designed specifically for doas. (R)

House Doctor. A Victorian property in 4.50

Camden, north London. (R) Nick's Quest. Mountain gorillas in 5.15

5.40 Angels of Jarm. (R)

Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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Need to take a step further in ASX

By Graham Breeze

The ASX has been a global success for Mitsubishi and while the company has been heavily promoting Outlander PHEV technology the ASX has quietly been freshened up.
With over 1,100,000 units produced since

launch in 2010 it's easy to see why Mitsubishi is keen to see the ASX continue to bring home the cash and now it sports the latest interpretation of the company's "Dynamic

Shield" identity.

Dynamic Shield is meant to symbolise the reassuring safety inherent to Mitsubishi Motors' SUVs, with bold chromed streaks on either side of the grille to create a 3D suggestion of motion.

Changes

In the ASX, the front bumper has been altered to accommodate the chrome streaks while the central section was blacked-out to mimic the new Outlander.

Other noticeable changes see the upper grille now made of thin black horizontal slats and connecting with the headlamps for an

ASX fits firmly into the small SUV sector where there's a lot of competition and is the company's most mainstream offering to date with a choice of petrol or diesel engines and two and four-wheel drive on offer.

It's surprising shorter than a lot in the sector but has a roomy cabin, plenty of back seat space and more than enough room for the

There's a choice of three trim levels and while the cabin lacks the quality finish of some of the opposition you'd be hard pressed to find a car with a clearer instrument panel. There's an entry-level 1.6-litre petrol in just two-wheel-drive form only to suit most tastes but you can step up to 1.8-litre or 2.2 litre diesel if low-rev muscle is on your agenda.

On the road soft suspension means the

ride is good enough as Mitsubishi has geared the ASK towards comfort and not sport, though the price you pay means you do bounce around a bit when things get a bit

Visibility

If you're an SUV buyer you will be looking for a high driving position and you get just that from the ASX with slim pillars and a clear view ahead, though rear visibility isn't quite as good particularly with three passengers on board. Large door mirrors do help though.

You get xenon headlights, rear parking sensors and automatic headlights, on all models except at entry level and top-spec cars also have a rear-view camera.

There's Bluetooth connectivity on all models but the base car lacks a lot that rivals throw in as standard, such as steering wheel controls. Sat-nav systems and DAB radios are kept back for the top-of-the-range

With a starting price of £15,999 the ASX is cheaper than many sector rivals – but you could pay as much as £28,349 for the top-of-the-range four wheel drive

The front bumper has been altered to accommodate bold chrome streaks

offering. The good news is that there will be some attractive discount deals to be had and Mitsubishi has always had very good re-sale values while on the negative side CO2 emissions are high across the range, a deterrent for company car driver.

All versions come with anti-whiplash head restraints, front, side and curtain airbags and one for the driver's knees, brake assist, stability control and an emergency-stop signal

All versions also get locking wheel nuts, a

Thatcham-approved alarm and deadlocks. It really has been a freshening up exercise rather than a re-launch and you are left feeling that Mitsubishi could and should have gone a bit further if they are to increase sales in the small SUV sector

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Volvo Cars celebrate 20 years of all-wheel drive

Volvo Cars is celebrating 20 years of mechanical All-Wheel Drive (AWD).

"Volvo cars are well known for wha we call 'framkomlighet' in Swedish - the ability to get you wherever you want to go – regardless of the weather conditions. This is an important part of our heritage and a clear reflection of who we are and where we come from. With the recent addition of electric all-wheel drive to our top-of-the-line products, we have further refined our performance in this important area," said Henrik Green, senior vice president, research and development at Volvo Cars.

Advances in AWD technology mean that improved handling, stability and traction continue to provide a confident, agile and enjoyable driving experience while reducing fuel consumption.

"Electrification will bring ever more flexibility to AWD. You can see the first signs of this in our XC90 T8 Twin Engine, where we have an electric rear-axle drive unit powering the rear wheels.

"As we move to full-battery electric vehicles and other powertrain applications, we will see increased opportunities to control each motor and wheel independently, based on either the surface conditions or the desired driving style," said Henrik Green.

As AWD technology has advanced, the weight of mechanical systems has come down and efficiency has improved. Since the introduction of efficient 'Active

On Demand' technology, all four wheels are always engaged to allow for the instant distribution of torque to the rear wheels when needed. The actual torque applied is controlled to constantly deliver the right properties regarding handling, stability and traction at any moment. Volvo Cars' current mechanical AWD system is modular in design and used on all Volvo

Flexible

"We understand the needs of our customers. We understand the need for a flexible AWD solution that quickly and automatically adapts to different real world, all-weather circumstances. AWD is as much a safety feature as it is a vehicle dynamics system, and we are committed to delivering a confident, balanced and enjoyable driving experience that delivers a feeling of full control," added Henrik

All-Wheel Drive variants account for more than 50 per cent of new 90 series car orders for the Swedish car maker. Across the wider Volvo Cars model range, the figure is more than 40 per cent.

Volvo's research into and testing of AWD systems goes back more than 20 years. The first AWD Volvo car to go into serial production was the Volvo 850 Estate, launched in May 1996 with the 2.5-litre turbocharged I5T engine developing 193 hp and a five-speed manual transmission. The Volvo V70, based largely on the



Volvo's V90 Cross Country makes good use of all-wheel drive

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850. came with AWD from 1997 onwards. The same year, Volvo produced its first 'Cross Country' V70XC variant, helping to develop a completely new type of car with a rugged design and capable characteristics that is now a familiar sight

both on the road and off the beaten track. Volvo Cars introduced its AWD program just as it began development work on the

first-generation XC90, its award-winning entry into the SUV segment, launched in 2002 at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. The first-generation XC90 came with an optional Haldex Traction Generation 2 AWD system on the turbocharged 2.5T petrol version. The T6, a 3.2-litre powerplant, came with AWD as

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BP predicts 100m electric vehicles

Around 100 million electric vehicles are expected to be on the road in 20 years' time, according to BP's 2017 Energy Outlook.

The document, which outlines the petrochemical company's predictions for the coming years, says the number of electric cars on the road will increase 80-

However, the company also predicts that the global car fleet will double in size over the same period, leaving electric vehicles with a five per cent share of the market.

As a result, BP is optimistic that oil will continue to be vital for the transport industry. The report says oil demand for cars is estimated to increase by around four million barrels a day, although BP expects the growth in demand for oil to slow.

By the early 2030s, the company believes noncombusted oil use, such as the production of plastics and fabrics, will take over from transport as the main

source of growth in demand.

Spencer Dale, the company's chief economist said: "The impact of electric cars, together with other aspects of the mobility revolution, such as self-driving cars, car sharing and ride pooling, is one of the key uncertainties surrounding the long-term outlook for oil.

"The possibility that the most important source of

growth in oil demand in the 2030s won't be to power cars or trucks or planes, but rather used as an input into other products, such as plastics and fabrics, is quite a change from the past.

Weak pound attracts foreign top car buyers



UK luxury car dealers reaping benefits of Brexit

Supercar buyers are flocking to Britain to take advantage of the weak exchange rate and grab a bargain, according to one specialist luxury car dealer.

Surrey-based Romans International claims that overseas enquiries have risen by more than 20 per cent since the Brexit vote as political and economic uncertainty affect the value of the pound.

The rush to buy has seen a Porsche 918 Spyder. a Bugatti Veyron and a McLaren P1 all find homes

Paul Jaconelli, owner of Romans International, said: "Buvers of cars like this tend to be shrewd collectors or investors, and with such limited availability there are only a handful of dealerships in the world who sell these types of cars.

"The last couple of years have seen a huge increase in the number of supercars bought overseas and imported into Britain, but since Brexit it has completely reversed as foreign buyers are taking advantage of the weak pound."

This new development has given the dealership the confidence to invest in even more stock, with three ultra-rare McLaren P1s hitting the forecourt with price tags of around £1.6 million.

"Most of the increased interest has come from Europe and the Far East," said Jaconelli. "In truth, we would rather sell these cars in the UK as it's more likely we will get the car back when they are ready to sell, but the demand is stronger overseas. I expect these P1s will all end up abroad.

"A car like the P1 would have cost an American buyer \$2,205,000 in June. Today they can buy the same car for \$1,900,000 - a drop of 14 per cent."



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West Midlands League

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Malvern			3	7	80	35	48
Ellesmere Rars.			4	8	68	51	43
Shifnal			7	8	59	49	43
Bewdley			5	6	63	48	41
Pegasus Jnrs			- 1	13	57	52	40
Stone OA			10	9	48	48	40
Bilston Com			7	13	57	76	37
BC Rangers			6	10	55	47	36
Cradley			5	11	51	49	35
Bridgnorth			4	13	49	62	34
Willenhall	30	10	3	17	55	85	33
Smethwick		10	2	17	38	72	32
Dudley		7	3	18	41	71	24
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Gornal Colts 17	7	3	7	33	34	24	
Wonder Vaults 17	8	2	7	36	36	23	
Sikh Hunters 19	6	4		47	64	22	
Warstone Wdrs 16	6	3	7	35	39	21	
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Clee Hill Utd 16	9	- 1	6	45	37	28					
Madeley Sports 18	7	6	5	33	29	27					
Gobowen Celtic 16	8	2	6	51	46	26					
Rock Rvrs 15	7	4	4	42	34	25					
Prees 18	7	3	8	48	50	24					
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Newport Res 18	12	2	4	63	19	38	
Madeley Sp Res21	12	2	7	63	43	38	
Craven Arms 20	10	5	5	97	43	35	
Oswestry Res 20	10	3	7	64	70	33	
Brown Clee 19	10	- 1	8	64	45	31	
St Martins Village 18	9	3	6	63	47	30	
Coven Utd17	7	3	7	56	48	24	
Riverside17	5	2	10	41	47	17	
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Wellington Ams 12						22					
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Llanymynech 11	4	2	5		29	14
Caersws Res 12	3		5		23	13
Guilsfield Res 10	4	- 1	5	19	21	13
Llanrhaeadr Res14	- 1	2	11	17	51	5
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31	Maesyrhandir 15	11	0	4	50	38	33
29	Newtown Wdrs 15	10	2	3	51	31	32
26	Kerry Res 16	7	2	7	45	43	23
24	Llangedwyn 12	6	- 1		32	30	19
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	Rock Rvrs Yth 10	5	0	5	25	20	15
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	Loppington 11			5		30	14
	The Gates 13			7	26	43	14
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Radbrook9						16	
Compasses 8						14	
Red Barne 12	3	2	7	22	31	11	
Norbury 11	3	1	7	25	24	10	
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S.A.H.A. Youth . 13	8	1		39		25
Snailbeach9	6	0		37	24	18
Boars Head 12		1			31	16
White Lion 11	4	1	6		33	13
Minsterley Rgrs 11	4	1		25	38	13
Crown Coleham 10	4	0			24	12
Dudleston Hth 11	- 1	2	8	16	44	5
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Harlescott Rgrs 13	8	2	3	51	26	26
Dun Cow 12	5	4	3	46	37	19
Onslow 14	5	2	7	53	46	17
Brockton Rvrs 13	5	1	7	45	48	16
Charles Darwin 13	4	3	6	34	46	15
Bull In The Barne12	4	2	6	35	41	14
Harlescott S.C., 12	4	2	6	26	44	14
Coracle Utd 11	2	0	9	24	80	6
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Division 4								
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Hth Farm Rgrs	13	10	- 1	2	49	19	31	
Crown A F'gate	14	8	2	4	35	30	26	
Dorrington	13	7	3			23	24	
Unicorn	15		0	7	38	31	24	
Beeches	12	7	- 1	4	26	20	22	
Wheatsheaf	13	7	0	6	37	24	21	
Old PO Wem	15	6	3	6	30	27	21	
Three Fishes	11	5	- 1	5	28	30	16	
Dolphin Afc	14	2	- 1	11	28	54	7	
Dun Cow Youth	14	0	2	12	20	67	2	
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Telford Sunday Football Premier Division

ı	l P	W	U	L	- F	Α	H
	Randlay Utd 13	12	1	0	97	13	37
	Honeysuckle 15	11	1	3	78	35	34
	Dawley Social . 14	10	0	4	63	46	30
	Dawley Wdrs Vets1	169	1	6	61	49	28
	Shifnal Nth End 15		1	5	45	40	28
	Barley 12		0	5		42	21
	Riverside14		3		41	41	18
	Captain Webb . 13	4	0	9	34	61	12
	Lord Hill M D'ton15		0	11	27	77	12
	Travellers Joy 13	3	0	10	26	41	ę
	Celtic Spartans 11	2		8		40	3
	Bulls H DB Vets 11	- 1	0	10	18	65	- 3
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Bulls H DB Vets 11	- 1	0	10	18	65	
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Ironbrige 14	12	0	2	65	18	3
Wrekin 15	11	1	3	81	16	3
Whitehorse Ath 13				66		3
Joiners Arms 13	9	1	3	51	17	2
Church Wickets 16	8	2	6	43	28	2
St Georges 16		ō	8	42	43	2
Cosford Utd 12	7	2	3	57	27	2
The Falcon 16	6	1	9		46	-1
Telford Rgrs 16	2	2	12	27	64	
W'dine Wd Jnrs 17	- 1		14	26	84	
Britannia 16	- 1	2	13	23	160	

English Rugby Clubs

Broadstreet 19	13	1	5	488	316	6
Sheffield 18	13	0	5	476	295	6
B'ham/Solihull 19		1		386		5
P'borough Lns . 19	11	2	6	462	388	5
Derby19	9	0	10	486	466	4
Old Hales 18	9	0		406		4
Towcestrians 19	8	1	10	377	428	4
Lichfield19	8			386		4
Longton 19	8	0	11	466	539	4
Bridgnorth 19	7	0	12	361	369	3
Sandbach 19	7	0	12	405	458	3
Bedford Ath 19	3	0	16	384	481	2
Syston 19	5	1	13	295	572	2
Midla	nds	11	We:	st		
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N'port, Salop 19	17	1	- 1	637	345	8
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9	9	0	10 453 402	52	l
9	9	0	10 474 497	48	l
9	8	0	11 363 450	42	l
9	9	0	10 319 436	41	l
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sall15		- 1	4 473 193	52
worth 15	11		4 316 315	47
derminster 15			8 341 288	36
ford 15	6	0	9 238 318	29
eyans 15	6	0	9 207 336	28
astle, Staffs, 15	5	0	10 237 453	26
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P	W	D	LFA	
Ludlow 15	13	0	2 716 196	6
Cleobury M 15	13	0	2 508 239	6
Burntwood 15	12	0	3 504 241	6
Handsworth 15	11	0	4 439 355	1
Telford Hornets 15		0	7 256 292	;
Cannock 15	7	0	8 285 388	1
Uttoxeter14		0	8 366 358	;
Harborne 15	6	0	9 324 440	1
Edwardians 14	6	0	8 339 379	1
Willenhall 14	3		11 264 471	
Clee Hill 14	2		12 198 377	
Eccleshall 15	-1	0	14 195 658	

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Midlands	4	We:	st North	
P	W	D	LFA	Р
Trentham 15	10	0	5 492 162	53
Rugeley 15	10	0	5 280 310	49
Barton-U-N'wd 15	10	0	5 255 196	48
Aston OE 14	8	0	6 221 251	39
Five Ways 0E 15	8	0	7 244 267	36
Bloxwich 15	12	0	3 355 173	35
Essington 14	7	0	7 212 244	35
Wednesbury 14	7	0	7 218 225	33
Yardlev & Dist., 15	6	0	9 223 261	30
Bishops Castle 14	4	0	10 125 255	19
Church Stretton 15	4	0	11 172 360	19
St Leonards 15	2	0	13 193 286	16

Church Stretton 15 St Leonards 15				
Midlands				
P	W	D	LFA	
Market Drayton 9	7	0	2 254 8	7
Tenbury 9	6		3 206 13	
Greyhound 8	5	0	3 297 14	
Aldridge 8	5	0	3 195 14	0
Chaddesley C 8			4 136 17	
Warley 9	2		7 120 29	

Northern Division South Lancs/Cheshire

P	W	D	L	F	Α	Р
Manchester 19	15	- 1	3	718	305	76
Douglas IOM 17		0		622		66
Broughton Pk 19	13	0		709		66
Bowdon 18	13	0	5	593	386	65
Liverpool St H., 19	13	0	6	567	423	63
Southport 18	10	- 1	7	433	437	52
Glossop 16	10	0		420		51
Widnes 18	9	0		460		50
New Brighton 19	10	0	9	448	465	47
Sefton	8	0	10	371	383	39
Manchester M., 19	4	- 1	14	349	585	26
Anselmians 19	5	0		379		25
Wigan 19	2	0		183		12
Oswestry 18	0	- 1	17	171	699	-2

Church Stretton & District Darts League

	Р	W	L	D	F`	Α	
Green B	16	13	0	3	88	40	
Clunton B	16	12	2	2	91	37	
Green A			3	3	86	42	
Stokesay			5	1	71	57	
Plough	16	6	4	6	69	59	
Appletree	16	5	6	5	59	69	
Kings Head	16	4	9	3	53	75	
Clunton A		4	11	1	47	81	
Crown @ We		2	13	1	38	90	
CSDC	16	- 1	12	3	38	90	

Midland Men's Hockey League 1st Team Leag

P	W	D	L	F	Α	
Rug & East War 16	13	- 1	2	71	36	4
Sutton Coldfield 15	12	0	3	60	29	3
Barton 15	11	2	2	69	38	3
Edgbaston 16	10	2	4	47	33	3
Warwick 17	9	3	5	41	30	3
Warwick Uni 16	8	0	8	44	53	2
Stone15	6	1	8	45	47	1
Old Halesonians15	6	- 1	8	29	41	-1
N'mpton Saints 16	4	0	12	38	58	13
Bridanorth 16	3	2	11	34	56	-1
Burton 16	3	1	12	27	56	
Sikh U (Notts) 15	2	1	12	30	58	-
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16		3	2	66	25	36						
ı-in-Ard 15		3	1	66	37	36						
ield 15		3		71	31	30						
Wrekin 15		0	5	52	47	30						
N War15	6	2	7	40	59	20						
16	4	3	9	49	68	15						
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lians 15			10	31	61	13						
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Solihull B'field 15 Ludlow 14 Wednesbury 12 Learnington 14 Kings Hth Pick . 14	4 3 2	1 2 0	9 7 12	22	49 44 62	18
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West Bromwich 12 Redditch 12	10	1	1	62 51	21 11	31
Old Wulfrunians 12	8	- 1	3	51	18	25
Wolverhampton 11 Pershore 11		1	2	38 38	10 26	25
Droituigh Cog 12	0	6	0	19	41	20

Redalton 12	9	- 1		51	11	28				
Old Wulfrunians 12	8	1	3	51	18	25				
Wolverhampton 11	8			38	10	25				
Pershore 11	6	2		38	26	20				
Droitwich Spa 12	3	0	9	18	41	9				
E'sham & B'sey 12	3	0	9	21	46	6				
Yardley10	1			11		3				
Newtown 12		0	11	12	78	0				
2nd Team League										
West Mid										

West Midlands Premier									
	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Ρ		
	Harborne 13	12	1	0	61	9	37		
	Edgbaston 15	11	1	3	75	27	34		
	Worcester 15	10	3	2	59	25	33		
	Warwick 15	7	1	7	46	44	22		
	Barford Tigers 14	7	1	6	33	40	22		
	Bridanorth 14	5	3	6	33	37	18		
	Stratford 14	4	2	8	40	50	14		
	Bournville 13	4	1	8	33	36	13		
	Hampton-in-Ard 14	4	Ó	10	30	67	12		
	North Stafford., 13	2	3	8	22	59	9		

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reetly 14	10	2	2	45	20	32
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nchfield 14						22
d Silhillians 13						
oxwich13					25	
rewsbury 14	5	4	5	37	26	19
arket Drayton 15	3	6	6	23	32	15

West Midlands 2									
P	W	D	L	F	Α	Р			
Redditch 9	8	1	0	45	11	25			
Bromsgrove 10	7	3	0	31	9	24			
Old Wulfrunians 10	5	3	2	25	13	18			
Solihull B'field 10	5	0	5	15	20	15			
Droitwich Spa 11	3	1	7	20	31	10			
Kings Hth Pick . 11	2	3	6	21	36	9			
Wolverhampton 10	2	1	7	12	39	7			
Wodnochury 11	2	2	7	17	27	- 5			

3rd Team League West Midlands Prem PWDLFAP

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West Midlands 1									
T'ford & Wrekin 13		0	11	25	60	6			
Stafford13					53				
West Bromwich 15	2	3	10	30	46	9			
Wednesbury 13	5	1	7	41	56	13			
North Stafford 12	6	2	4	33	23	20			
Hampton-in-Ard 12	7	0	5	43	36	21			
Finchfield 13	7	1	5	39	33	22			
Old Silhillians 15	8	2	5	50	44	26			
Old Halesonians 14		2	4	44	24	26			
Strafford 15	10	0	5	54	40	30			

West	wilu	ıaı	us			
P	W	D	L	F	Α	Ρ
Bromsgrove 14	10	3	1	59	16	33
Old Wulfrunians 14	10	2	2	48	26	32
Redditch 14	9	1	4	66	24	28
Stone14	8	3	3	50	19	27
Streetly 15	8	2	5	61	40	26
Bloxwich 14	6	3	5	29	22	21
A'ridge & W'sall 14	5	2	7	35	39	17
Wolverhampton 14	3	3	8	27	42	12
Leamington 15	4	1	10	31	89	9
Solihull B'field 13	1	2	10	6	70	5
Market Drayton 13	0	4	9	21	46	4

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P	W	D	Ĺ	F	Α	F
Edgbaston V 14	13	1	0	69	12	40
Lichfield V 13		3	1	46	13	29
Nth Stafford IV . 14	7	0	7	38	36	21
Cannock V 13		2	5	32		20
Shrewsbury IV . 14		2	6		44	20
Finchfield IV 14	6	2	6	35	46	20
Bridgnorth V 13	5	3	5		27	18
Suttn C'field VII 13		2	8	21	64	7
T'ford &Wrek IV 13			10		36	
Old Wulf IV 13			10	19	46	- 5
Nort	h V	Ves	t 2			

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Bridgnorth VI 13	9	3	- 1	44	11	3
ichfield VI 12	9	0	3	52	19	2
Stafford IV 12			4	29	17	2
.eek VI 11	7	0			16	- 1
ichfield VII 12						- 1
Stone IV 12						- 1
Old Wulf V 13						- 1
Stafford V 14						- 1
Vest Brom IV 12	5	3	4	26	25	
Old Wulf VI 13	2	1	10	8	63	

February fog on the first tee and below zero tem-peratures did not dampen spirits at the captains' drive-in at Hawkstone Park Golf Club. Driving into office in front of a large growd of sup-

of a large crowd of sup-porters were men's captain Ashley Burdock, and ladies' captain Sharon Jones, both of Whitchurch; seniors' captain Dave Samuel of captain Dave Samuel of Shrewsbury and junior captain Carys Tune, of Prees. The Captains were introduced by the club's new president Dave Ralphs. A Texas Scramble competition followed the drive-in which was won by four-ball Tim Jones, Molly Moore, Hugh Vaughan and Nigel Ross. Following the competition, members officially welcomed the new captains at a celebration held in the clubhouse.

clubhouse.

Speaking at the celebration
Ashley Burdock paid tribute
to close friend and golfing
partner, Andrew Porter,

Midlands Women's

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	Midlands F	rer	nie	r Di	visi	on	
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i	Leamington I XI 10	8	1	1	38	11	25
1	Uni of Brum II 10	7	1	2	25	12	22
	Cannock I 11	6	3	2	30	13	21
	Lichfield I XI 11	5		5		33	16
	Leicester II 11	4	3	4	19	27	15
•	Harborne I 10	2	3	5	19	24	9
	Boots I 11	- 1	2	8			5
	Sutton C'field II 11	- 1	1	9	7	29	4
١	Uni of Brum III 10	- 1	1	8	7	30	4
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Leek I XI 10	7	1	2	30	13	- 2
North Notts I 10	7	1	2	29	13	- 1
Edgbaston I XI., 10	7	0	3	28	11	- 1
Shrewsbury I 10	4	4	2	24	18	
Matock Bailean I10	3	3	4	18	19	
Stourport II XI 10	3	2	5	20	18	
Towcester I 11	2		8	12	34	
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Cannock II 10	- 1	- 1	ŏ	12	33	
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	6	2		23		2
Stone I XI 11	6	1	4	26		1
Kettering I 11	4	2	5	18	16	1
Belper II 11	4		5	21	24	1
Boots II10	4	0	6	11	19	1
Worcester I 11	3	1	7	17	36	1
Warwick I 11	- 1	3	7	11	21	
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Lichfield II XI 11		1	3	28	13	
T'ford & Wrek I 10	7	1	2	29	16	
Harborne II XI 10	7	0	3	38	17	
Nuneaton I XI 11	5	-1	5	23	23	
Stratford I 10	3	2		18		
Bromsgrove I XI 10	3	1	6	15	28	
Uttoxeter I XI 10	3	1	6	19	33	
Bloxwich I XI 10	2	1	7	10	25	

Shropshire Ladies

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Wem/MD I 13	11	2	0	61	12	49
Shrewsbury II 14					9	6
Bridgnorth II 12	6	3			13	
Montgomery 13		- 1		16		
Shrewsbury III 14				14		
Wem/MD II 13			10		49	
T'ford & Wrek II 13	0	- 1	12	4	35	-3

Shrewsbury Premier Darts League

Masonic 19	14	4	- 1	103	49	32
Compasses Dith19	14	2		94	58	30
Crown19	13	2	4	98	54	28
Admiral D'can A19	11	4	4	90	62	26
Charles Darwin 19	12	1	6	90	62	25
Red Castle 19	10	4	5	87	65	24
Brooklands 19	10	3	6	86	66	23
Heathgates 19	9	3	7	77	75	21
Wheatsheaf FW 19	9	3	7	76	76	21
Admiral D'can B19	5	2	12	59	93	12
Mytton Arms 19	3	2	14	61	91	8
Béeches19	- 1	4	14	48	104	6
Rock & Fountain19	-1	4	14	48	104	6

Darwin Glass & Glazing Shrewsbury & District Darts League Division 1 PWDLFAP A 20 15 5 0 107 53 35

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	C/Darwin B 20	15	4	- 1	109	51	34
	Rock C20	14	5	- 1	116	44	33
	Crown A/F A 20	11	4	5	96	64	26
	Beacon A 20	11	4	5	86	74	26
	Comp Dith FC 20	9	3	8	81	79	21
	C/Darwin C 20	7	6	7	81	79	20
١.	Heathqates A 20	7	4	9	78	82	18
	Telegraph B 20	6	5	9	69	91	17
	C/Darwin A 20	5	6	9	73	87	16
	Coach20	4	4	12	68	92	12
	Eagles20	4	4	12	60	100	12
	W'sheaf F/W A. 20	2	2	16	53	107	6
	A/Duncan 20	2	0	18	43	117	4
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	BITB. B	11	4	5	96	63	26

Grove20	10	6	4	95	65
Rock B 20	10	6	4	86	74
Comp Dith B 20	10	4	6	89	71
Beeches 20	10	4	6	88	72
Telegraph C 20	9	5	6	81	79
Inn on Green A. 20	7	4	9	79	81
Coracle A 20	7	4	9	77	83
AIHG19	7		9	71	88
Saddlers B (7 S)20	6	5	9	69	91
Masonic B 20	6	4	10	74	86
POW20	5	5	10	73	87
Comp Dith A 20	5	5	10	71	89

who passed away suddenly last month. He said that last month. He said that Andrew's passing was a very sad loss to the club and highlighted his exem-plary professionalism and his commitment to and love of the game. The captains announced

that they will be supporting three charities this year – British Heart Foundation, the Tern Hill-based Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund and ABF, The Sol-diers' Charity. Anyone interested in join-

ing Hawkstone Park for the 2016 season should call Dilys Airey in the Golf Centre on 01948 841775.

Centre on 01948 841775.
The club welcomes golfers
of all abilities - from beginners through to established
players.

Pictured on the first tee
at Hawkstone Park Golf
Club are (from left): club
president Dave Ralphs and
captains Ashley Burdock,
Sharon Jones, Carys Tune
and Dave Samuel

Division 3

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ichfield I XI 11	5	1	5	17	33	16	Woodman A 15 4	4
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Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League

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Telford Snooker League **Heath Hill Building & Roofing**

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Shrewsbury & District Snooker League Bright Motors League One PWLFAP

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Pats at the double as Ladies rule at Wynnstay



Pat McDonald, right, was elected president of Wynnstay Bowling Club for the 2017-18 season and is pictured with new club captain, Pat La-Garde and (below) is Kay Cosens



TWO ladies will again head up Wynnstay Bowling Club - where the walled garden green dates back 200 years - for the third year

running.

A new president and captain, plus their deputies, were welcomed into office at the annual meeting after enjoying lunch at the Wynnstay Hotel.

The new president Pat McDon-larill to come with a contraction.

ald will team up with new captain for 2017-18 Pat La-Garde. They will be assisted by president elect Pam Bridge and captain elect Kath

Pam Bridge and captain elect rates Lewis.

The new duo succeed last year's president Janice Allport and cap-tain Pam Bridge, while before that president Norma Edwards and captain Janice Allport held office.

Preventing it being a clean-sweep of female officers this year was Bob Scott who was welcomed aboard as the club's new treasurer.

He replaces Kay Cosens who

aboard as the club's new treasurer. He replaces Kay Cosens who was presented with a camellia potted plant to mark her nine years looking after the club's books.

The well attended meeting saw members agree to 30-minute later playing times each Monday and Thursday this coming season, from 2.30 to 4.30pm, to avoid lunchtime car-park congestion at the hotel.

Returns from golf clubs in the countv

BRIDGNORTH
Six Nations Sixes Competition: A Shimmin, laylor, T Merritt, G McKenna 129pts; A Morgan, Mhalin, D Read, I Rainford 128pts (cb; A Wilns, C Toogood, A Poultney, G Poultney 128pts

J Whalin, D Read, I Rainford 128pts (cb); A Williams, C Toogood, A Poultney, G Poultney 128pts.

HENLLE PARK
Individual Stableford Division 1: C Jones 43pts; T Davies 41pts; R Grindley 40pts. Division 2: S Morris 41pts (cb); I Griffiths 41pts; M Welch 39pts.

Yellow Ball Comps: D Southwell, J Parry & D Sensens 1 Spts; C Roberts, J B Jones & K Lloyd Jones 14 Spts; P Muir, D Hughes & G Hughes 107pts (cb).

Seniors' 234 Stableford: A Hardy, C Chare, C Clarke & Survis 103pts; J Postle, A Wright, C Andrews & F Woolnough 97pts; R Mazzarella, P Hampson, J Bostock & P Nuttall 96pts.

WREKIN
Seniors' Winter Stableford 9 (15 Holes): D Peggs 31/16; P Ges 30/16; G Evans 28/5.

Shooters set for thrilling race to title Hot Proctor

THE three big guns in the Montgomeryshire and District Airgun League continued their good form as the title race heads for a thrilling finish. With only three weeks of the season remaining, the chase for the league crown is set to go down to the wire with possibly the crunch shootout coming when Arddleen meet Guilsfield A.

This week's team of the week Arddleen had two matches, a catch-up encounter away to Crew Green A which they took 204.7 to 192.2 with Jack Francis (35.3) and Richard Lewis (35.3) getting possibles for Arddleen.

Their second match was a home tie against a Llanfair side struggling for any consistency, which they

Guilsfield A welcomed Castle, which proved a much closer affair with both teams showing consist-

ent shooting.

However, the home team prevailed 202.8 to 197.4 with shooter of the week Paul Phillips (35.6) and Castle's Richard Morgan (35.4) getting possibles. Churchstoke entertained a very good Guilsfield B team in the match of the week, with home advantage just seeing them take this one 203.2 to 201.1.

The home side's Paul Gwilliam (35.3) landed a possible, and the away team's Paul Edwards (35.3)

and Catherine Farmer (35.1) also scored possibles. This Guilsfield B team could have a massive influence on the final league placings with home advantage over both Guilsfield A and Arddleen in the final

weeks of the season.

Crew Green B took on visitors Newtown with crew Green b took on visitors Newtown with home advantage and their consistency earning a 198.4 to 189.9 success, with the home team's Joe Hilditch (35.4) getting a possible. Forden had home advantage against Crew Green A but the much improving young team could not match the firepower of the Crew team, with the

away side taking the match 199.3 to 189.5 with Dave Morgan (35.1) getting a possible for Crewe.

Record run over as TNS finally beaten

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints slipped to their first defeat of the season when Carmarthen Town gained the scalp of the Dafabet Welsh Premier's runaway leaders with a battling 1-0 win at

Richmond Park.
Liam Thomas scored the game's only goal on the stroke of half-time and, despite their efforts, the visitors were unable to find away back in the second half against a determined Old Gold de-

tence.

Defeat saw record breaking TNS suffer their first loss in 24 league outings, and 32 games in all competitions, and means the defending champions will have to wait a little longer before

urapping up a sixth successive title.

On a chilly afternoon in West Wales, Carmarthen warmed to the challenge to succeed where all other sides had so far failed this season, courtesy of a well drilled and dogged display in heavy conditions.

in heavy conditions.

TNS boss Craig Harrison was naturally disappointed to see his side's terrific run come to end-it was only the second time this season they have dropped points-but said he could not have asked much more from his players.

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"It's disappointing to lose as you want to win every game you play, but it was not to be our day," he said.

"The lads were excellent, as they have been through the season. We turned the screw in the second half, but just could not the goal when the opportunities came along.

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"It would have been more disappointing had we not played well, but we played well enough to win the game on a difficult pitch, but Carnarthen defended well and were well organised. We need to dust ourselves down and look to go regin your work."

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TNS made a bright start, Ryab Brobbel firing an early effort into the arms of keeper Lee Idzi's grateful arms as they pushed the hosts back.

After the Old Gold had sparked a scare from a corner, Scott Quigley fired wide from the edge of the box while also failing to test Idzi with another effort moments later. other effort moments later

other effort moments later.

TNS, who kept the same line up from the previous week's win against Cardiff Met, were forced into an early change when Brobbel went off through injury, being replaced by Jamie Mullan. The runaway leaders continued to press, but

ian. The runaway leaders continued to press, but were unable to supply the finishing touch as Alex Darlington became the latest player to plant a shot wide of the posts.

The first half appeared to be ending goalless, but Carmarthen struck in the closing stages when Thomas nodded home a well-delivered corner from Declan Carroll.

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Stung by the goal, the Saints emerged for the second half looking to quickly gt back on terms, but Quigley put another shot well over the bar. Further efforts from Adrian Cieslewicz, Chris Marriott, Mullan and Quigley also failed to find a way past a solid Idzi in goal.

Wes Fletcher appeared for Darlington in a bid to unlock the door, but a resolute Old Gold stood strong as they looked to preserve their slender lead. With time ticking away, substitute Mullan went agonisingly wide as Carmarthen held firm for a gutsy win, leaving TNS to taste defeat for

went agonisingly wide as carmartnen neid nirm for a gutsy win, leaving TNS to taste defeat for the first time this season.

Despite the loss, the Saints are still 21 points clear at the top, and need just four points from their remaining eight outings to secure an 11th league title in their history.

Nick Rushton's late strike earned Newtown in the 22 critical blood of the control of the contr

■ NICK RUSHION'S late Strike earned Newtown a precious 3-2 win over basement rivals Rhyl at Latham Park to boost their survival push in the Dafabet Welsh Premier.

Rhyl had twice clawed their way back on terms, but the Robins had the last word when Jason Oswell found Rushton with a through ball

two minutes from time and the loanee from Gap Connah's Quay made no mistake with a low shot into the net.

Five-star Saints remember Derek



Captain James Hands slots home a penalty to make it 3-0 to St Martins and (below) the sides observe a minute's silence in memory of club stalwart Derek Stokes.

Pics: Jack Wright.



ST MARTINS produced a five-star display to chalk up a 5-3 victory over Worcester Raiders to keep their flag flying in the West Midlands League Division One Cup.

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It was a fitting display in a game to mark the passing of club stalwart Derek Stokes who was minute's applause before

stawart berek Stokes with was given a minute's applause before kick off on a poignant day for the club at the Venue, Park Hall. "It was a performance to do Derek proud, and a lot of people commented how well we played," said manager Dan Stevens.

"To concede the three goals was disappointing, but it was a fantastic response. We were a lot more clinical than the week before, although we had chances to have scored more.
"But the performance against a

"But the performance against a good side like Worcester Raiders shows we're making progress. We

brought in a couple of new signings, and what we need now is consistency of selection.

"We're now in the quarter-fi-nals of the cup, and it is definitely a competition we believe we can win."

Looking to climb away from the basement, the Saints return to duty in the West Midlands League division one on Saturday when they visit Tipton Town, a side they hammered 7-2 last month.

Chances

They never looked back last weekend after taking the lead when James Durman headed in at the back post, and their early enterprise resulted in a second goal when Shawn Melusi rounded the keeper.

Both teams were creating chances, with Melusi bringing a terrific save from the visiting

keeper, before captain and man of the match Jamie Hands made it 3-0 from the penalty spot five minutes before half time follow-ing a reckless challenge in the box.

box.
Raiders pulled one back straight away when Nick Macpheason smashed the ball into the net, but Dave Easthope fired a fourth on the stroke of half

Mathew Tyler reduced the arrears with a header midway through the second half, before debutant Tom Ash, the former TNS Academy player, netted No5 for the Saints when rounding the

keeper.
In the dying minutes of the game, Raiders grabbed a reply through Richard Smith, but the home side were already safely through to the last eight by that

hits five as Trewern go goal-crazy

LLANYMYNECH boosted their chances of climbing clear of the basement in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League with a crucial 2-0 win away to Caersws reserves.

Goals in each half from Jamie Phillips and Jake Price earned the spoils for the villagers, giving them

real hope of escaping the drop.
Charlie Proctor scored five times as Trewern United swept aside Trefonen 7-2 in tough conditions

Tretonen 7-2 in tough conditions to step up their promotion challenge in division two. Joe Beddoes bagged the other two goals.

Without a first division fixture, Morda United's squad held a training session on the Weston Road pitch.

■ Llanidloes Town progressed to the quarter-finals of the Central Wales Cup with a 3-1 win away to Dolgellau, and now face a short trip to local rivals Caersws.

The Daff's had to come from behind, with Matthew Savage's header cancelling levelling matters before two goals after the break from Rhys Evans and Joe Evans sealed the win.

The other quarter-final spot is still to be resolved, after Radnor Valley's home tie with Tywyn Bryncrug was postponed.

Llanidloes reserves, meanwhile, saw their Watson Financial Mid

saw their watson rinancial mid Wales League (South) title hopes dented following a 3-2 defeat at leaders, Talgarth Town. Jordan Harvey converted a late penalty to earn Talgarth the spoils which move them five points clear at the ton at the top.

Hay St Marys Reserves, with

games in hand, maintained their challenge with a 3-1 home success over Rhayader Town Reserves.

TNS under-19s moved to

TNS under-19s moved to within a point of leaders Bangor City in the Welsh Premier Development League (north) with a comfortable 4-0 home success against Cefn Druids.

Ellesmere in late goal blow at the double

ELLESMERE RANGERS, who have no scheduled game this weekend, conceded two late goals as they were beaten 3-1 at home by high-fly ing Wolverhampton Sporting Community.

Inspired by a man of the match

display from defender George Taylor, who also scored their goal, Rangers looked like picking up a useful West Midlands League premier division point until a late double whammy from the away

side.

Locked together at 1-1 for long stages, the visitors ended strongly and moved 2-1 in front from a penalty conceded by the tiring legs of Grant Butler in the 87th minute before grabbing an even later third as Rangers chased an equalizer.

equaliser.

Sporting took an early lead from a predictable source as pro-lific striker Dan Westwood - whose goalscoring exploits have earned him national media coverage recently - headed past stand-in goal-keeper Joe Brown, deputising for the injured Damien Stevens

It was Westwood's 102nd goal in his last 73 appearances. But Ellesmere responded well

and were soon back on level terms as Taylor nodded an equaliser.

Sporting pressed strongly in the second half and just as they looked like holding out there was to be a late unwanted sting in the tail with those two late goals from

Sporting.
Chris Rabone netted from the penalty spot before Dimitri Dunk-ley had the final word for Sport-ing, who remain 10 points behind leaders Haughmond in second place in the table.

Rangers are next in action a week on Saturday, February 25 when they travel to take on Dud-

Oswestry Town have

a bad day on the road

DESPITE early chances, FC Oswestry Town slumped 5-0 away to promotion chasing Widnes in their rearranged clash in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

A 22nd minute strike from Kevin Towey gave the hosts the lead, before the striker double the margin with a penalty right on half time to take his tally to 32 league goals. It was his ninth penalty of the season.

Chris Lomax then made it 3-0 10 minutes into the second period, be-fore Luke Edwards (73) and Billy Webb (90) sealed a comfortable

Town had started well, having the better of the early exchanges but were unable to find a crucial breakthrough as chances went

begging.

Dan Graham and Richard Williams-Cooke were both denied by goal-line clearances, while Jack Harris was foiled by the keeper when through on goal.

Defensive frailties then came back to haunt Town who were found wanting at the back as Widnes, on an unbeaten 10-match unbeaten run, emerged convincing five-goal winners.

The hosts almost found the net in the opening minutes when Jack Graham burst into the area but his effort on goal was tame and com-fortably saved by keeper Richard

After the visitors had threat-ened, Widnes took the lead midway through the first-half. Graham was

again involved, with Lomax heading his cross on to Towey, who latched on to the loose ball before rounding Cowderoy and slotting home into an empty net.

Cowderoy was called into action on two further occasions as the game approached half-time, deny-ing Webb, whose shot on goal was

beaten away, and then tipping over a Lomax lob.

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Crucially, Widnes were awarded a penalty inside first-half stoppage time when Webb was brought down inside the area despite running away from goal. Towey stepped up, and smashed his spotkick into the top corner.

After an even first half, Widnes

Meanwhile, FC Oswestry Town

MEAINMILE, FU OSWESTLY Town reserves stopped the rot in the Mercian Regional League division one with a timely 6-2 beating of Riverside, but St Martins Village were downed 4-1 at home to Brown Clee.

dominated proceedings in the sec-ond period to consolidate their place among the leading lights.

Cowderoy.

are downed once again



The Lanyard Bowdler Oswestry man of the match Mike Davies

IT proved another barren day for Oswestry's rugby players who continue to look for their first win the South Lancs and Cheshire One after going down 12-0 at home to old rivals Sefton.

The Eagles battled hard, had The Eagles Dattieu Hard, Had their pressure, but could not find a way through their rivals from Merseyside as they slipped to a 17th defeat of the season.

Oswestry started off proficiently ing ambitions, and gave as good as they got to drive back their visitors.

The hosts had their chances, but two penalties were missed, while the game continued to see-saw with defences predominantly

However, a mistake in their own half saw Sefton sweep forward with some excellent play before crossing in the corner for an unconverted try.

Concussion

With the game becoming frantic, Oswestry scrum half Louie Mackenzie was taken off with concus-sion, with James Roberts taking the role.

Sefton now launched a sustained attack on the home line, and found a way through for a second try, this time converted, for a 12-0 interval

The Eagles needed to up their game in the second half, but, despite their efforts, failed to get points on the board as an experienced Sefton held firm despite their control of the second sec picking up three yellow cards, which at one stage reduced their ranks to 13 players. It was a frustrating outing for

It was a frustrating outing for the hosts, who struggled to carry out their gameplay, despite show-ing they can compete at this level. The Lanyard Bowdler man of the match was Mike Davies, while the Eagles continue their search for an elusive win away to Wigan on Saturday.

Ladies side are on the up with top win

OSWESTRY Ladies moved up to eighth in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two coursesy of a 2-0 home victory against lowly Brookland Poynton Ladies III. It was their eighth win of the campaign, and they will chase more success in Saturday's tricky trip to fourth placed Cheshire Ladies III. WELSHPOOL Ladies were downed 5-0 at home to unbeaten high fliers Dysynni in the North Wales Women's Hockey League division one. They now lie fourth in the table.

Still no win as Eagles are downed Llanfair Suffer day to forget on travels

IT WAS a day to forget for Llanfair United who suffered a 4-0 hammering at basement rivals Buckley Town to slip back into relegation danger in

the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Buckley, now under former Welshpool boss Terry Ingram, stormed to victory with goals through Peter Doran (3), Jacob Evans (14), Mike Thompson 50 and Phil

Evans (14), Mike Thompson 50 and Phil Doran in the last minute.

The result was as miserable as the weather on a very cold and cloudy day at Buckley whose victory brought them to within a point of their visitors as the battle for survival hots up.

"We were awful, and if we play like that then we will go down," admitted boss Rhys Stephens.

"I don't want to take anything away from Buckley who have brought in some decent players, but we were shocking.

"We were 2-0 down at half time, but I still felt we were in the game, but the third goal killed us. We got into some decent positions without creating chances.

"We need to find some middle ground, and look for some consistency in our performances."

Llanfair got off to the worst possible start.

Llanfair got off to the worst possible start when Buckley took the lead after only three minutes when Peter Doran's terrific strike found the

thes when reter Joran's earlie strike found the top corner of the net from 25 yards. Worse was to follow when Evans doubled the lead after 14 minutes, but United had their chances, with Nashawn Blake twice going close.

chances, with Nashawn Blake twice going close. However, for much of the time, the final cross went astray, while Buckley should have increased their lead right on half time only to be denied by a terrific block on the line.

But a third goal arrived early in the second period when the home side hoisted a free kick into the area and the ball was clipped into the net through Mike Thompson.

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Llanfair failed to create anything of note in the second half and in the dying minutes, Buckley, who looked far more threatening throughout, made it 4-0 from a well taken strike by Phil Doran.

It was a disappointing result for Llanfair who

nt was a disappointing result for Lianair who now look look to dust themselves down for Saturday's testing game away at Holyhead Hotspur. Although still fourth from bottom on 18 points, the three sides below them all have 17 points to underline just how close the table is. There was late heartache for GUILSFIELD \$1.0 map Penyhuroch synthyle \$1.1 draw at \$1.1 draw at \$1.0 map Penyhuroch synthyle \$1.1 draw at \$1.1 draw

as 10-man Penrhyncoch snatched a 1-1 draw at Cae Baker courtesy of Jonathan Evans' injury time strike

The Guils had been in front through James Henderson's brave header in the 13th minute after Robbie James had headed back across goal from a free kick.

They looked in charge after the home side had Owain James sent off for two quickfire bookings late in the first half.

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Despite down to 10 men, Penrhyn stormed forward late on with Jonathan Evans and Antonio Corbisiero both denied by good saves from Lee Andrew, and sub Liam Doherty hit the post.

The efforts paid off when Evans fired home from a loose ball, leaving boss Dan Barton to lament two more points dropped.

"You could see it coming, we went into our shells and at deeper and deeper," he said.

It was only the third league win of the season for

It was only the third league win of the season for the Lilywhites, and the spirited performance augurs well for the challenge ahead in the coming weeks. Although still lying second from bottom, they are now just three points adrift of basement rivals Tywyn Bryncrug who had no league fixture. How-ever, the Maesydre men have played three more cames

The hosts, for whom Ben White impressed in the middle of the pitch, had to wait 37 minutes before

making the breakthrough - and then three goals came before half time.

Tom Evans was instrumental in the first two

from time.

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL Town boosted their chances of escaping the drop from the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a much-needed 2-0 home success A fine strike from Ricky Litchfield, the former FC Oswestry Town forward, gave Pool an early lead, before Will Pritchard sealed the points two minutes

goals, setting up Edmunds for the opener after winning the ball, and he again provided the cross for Edmunds to smash home his second from 20 yards. Evans himself got on the scoresheet moments later with a deflected goal after hounding the defence, and Matthews returned to scoring ways on 70 minutes when converting after his first effort had

Hay pulled one back on 83 minutes, but Mat-thews rounded the keeper to make it 5-1 moments later before the visitors bagged a consolation right ever, the Maesydre men nave played and games.

LANRHAEADR returned to form by hammering Hay St Mary's 5-2 to boost their flagging fortunes in the first division, with Iain Edmunds and top scorer Iwan Matthews both on target twice.

It's been a mixed campaign for Llan but, with a near full strength side, they underlined their credentials with an excellent win.

The victory lifted them up to sixth in the table, and with games in hand on all the sides above them.

The hosts, for whom Ben White impressed in the

at the end.

Title-chasing BERRIEW made up ground on the pacesetters after hanging on for a hard-fought 1-1 at third placed Carno in the big game of the day In second spot, they are now two points addrift of leaders Rhayader Town with a game in hand thanks

to a strike from Matt Bumford

In heavy conditions, they had to dig deep to weather a late spell of pressure from the hosts who were left to reflect on a number of missed chances in the second entirely.

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High-flying Rhayader's hopes took a hit after losing 1-0 at home to Aberaeron who took the spoils courtesy of the only goal of the game from James Hemming.

Elsewhere, Knighton Town's home clash with

logged pitch.

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In division two, leaders Kerry are now nine points clear at the top after a late goal from Daryl McWatt earned a 2-1 win at lowly Presteigne,
The home side had gone ahead with an early scrambled goal through Owen Williams, but Kerry levelled before half time courtesy of a penalty from Luke Mumford awarded for handball.

The Lambs, who twice hit the woodwork, turned up the pressure in the second helf and earned their

up the pressure in the second half and earned their

reward through McWatt two minutes from time.
At the other end of the table, FOUR CROSSES
remain third bottom after their 2-0 loss in a scrappy

encounter at Aberystwyth University.
Goals in each half from Tristan Harris and Liam
Powell earned the students a win that lifted them
up to sixth in the table, while the visitors had two players sent off to add to their woe.

CHURCHSTOKE continued their good form with a 4-1 beating of promotion hopefuls Borth United, the win consolidating fourth spot with games in hand on the teams above them.



Llanfair United's blue-shirted Joe Vaughan (left) and Andrew Hughes vying for the ball in their defeat at Buckley Town and (below) Nashawn Blake tracking back. ■ Picture: Jonathan Richards.

boosts Town's survival push

"At the moment we're not showing a mental toughness to win games we should be seeing out.
"We had five players missing but the side we put out should have been good enough to win the game," Ten-man Caersws also suffered last-gasp agony as high fliers Prestatyn Town snatched a dramatic 3-2 win

win.

The Bluebirds were two goals down at the break on the coast but stormed back to level in the second half before being stunned in the closing moments.

A Luke Evans own goal on the half hour and James Stead's strike right on half time gave Prestatyn a deserved advantage at the break, but Mark Griffiths pulled one back soon after the interval.

Josh Hartrick was then sent off for pushing in a melee but, despite a man short, the Bluebirds took the game to the runaway leaders.

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They were rewarded when Tom Richards headed in a Sean Evans corner on 75 minutes, and had chances to win it with both Iwan Lewis and Griffiths spurning

golden opportunities.

Those missed chance came back to haunt them as

Jack Lewis popped up for a winner in the closing moments to keep Prestatyn 16 points clear, while Caer-

sws are down to seventh.

Saturday's fixtures (2.30): Gaersws v Caernarfon Town, Conwy Borough v Holywell Town, Denbigh Town v Gresford Athletic, Flint Town United v Buckley Town, Guilsfeld v Mold Alex, Holyhead Hotspur V Larif United, Perifynocoh v Ruthin Town, Porthmadog v Prestatyn Town.



Goal machine Davies leads way with 30

STRIKER Richard Davies remains well clear in the Spar Mid Wales League scoring charts as Berriew continue their title chase in division

one.
The Rhiewsiders' hot shot has The Khiewsiders' hot shot has hit the net no fewer than 30 times this season, 27 goals coming in the league and three in the cup.

He is nine ahead of his nearest rivals, Berriew team-mate Karl Seli-

aerts who scored 21 goals, all coming in the league. The published list is up to the end of January.

Llannhaeadr's Iwan Matthews, last season's top scorer, is eighth in the list with 14 goals, 11 in the league and three in the cup. His team-mate Iain Edmunds has 13

(11-2).

Nathan Prodger, the Llansantffraid Village forward, is joint top of
the second division scoring charts
with 16 goals, 14 in the league and
two in the cup.

Churchstoke duo Max McLaugh

Churchstoke duo Max McLaugh-lin and Joe Haycock are both in the top 10 with a total of 13 goals, and Abermule's David Anthony has one fewer with 12. Kerry's Luke Mumford, helped by six goals in the previous week's 7-1 romp against Builth Wells, has now lifted his tally to 11, all in the league.

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DYFFRYN BANW continued their push away from the basement places with a timely 4-3 success at Abermule pushing them up to ninth, while Penybont remain rooted to the foot of the table after their 4-2 loss at Builth Wells.



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Town look to get back in groove

FC Oswestry Town will look to halt a three-match losing run when they en-tertain Holker Old Boys in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one on Saturday

North West Counties League division one on Saturday.

After a creditable run of results, Town have come unstuck against sides in the higher regions of the table, with 13 goals conceded in their last three outings.

Lying 10th in the table, they now hope to get back on track against Holker a Park Hall on Saturday (3pm), with their visitors lying several places below.

Boss Mike Barton admits defensive frailties have been costly, which continued in their 5-0 loss at promotion chasing Widnes in their last outing.

"Defensively, with the players we have, we should be strong, but we need to cut out the mistakes," he said.
"Against Widnes, it was the same story Pretty well all five of the goals they scored came from our mistakes, something we have to put right, For the first

story. Pretty well all five of the goals they scored came from our mistakes, something we have to put right. For the first half hour, we were the better side but, unlike the week before against Chadderton, we could not get a goal."

He added: "We're on a tough rum, but overall, we are happy with the way things have gone in our first season in this league. We need to look ahead, and start building for next season."

With forward Dan Tinsley still struggling with injury, Barton hopes to bring in a new striker this week while also looking to bolster his backline.

After overcoming Worcester Raiders 5-3 to reach the last eight of the West Midlands League Division One Cup, ST MARTINS turn their thoughts to picking up much needed points when they get back to league duty away to Tipton Town on Saturday.

Last weekend's five-star win was a fitting performance in a game played in memory of club stalwart Derek Stokes who recently passed away.

The Saints now focus on climbing away from the basement when they visit a Tipton side they hammered 7-2 last month.

Llanfair hot-shot wins cup accolade

JAMES Davies' fine hat-trick in Llanfair United's Welsh Cup victory over Cefn Druids has earned him the accolade of player of the round.

As well as his goalscoring exploits in the shock 4-1 win over the Welsh Premier visitors at the Mount Field, he also assisted in the other goal for Alun Hughes. He was a constant threat and, as well as three well taken finished, could easily have ended up scoring more against the Druids. United now host Cymru Alliance rivals Caernarfon Town in the quarter-finals on Saturday, February 25 - the first time they have reached ary 25 - the first time they have reached the last eight of the competition.

Seven up for Joe

KEEPING wicket for the England Lions, Oswestry's Joe Clarke claimed seven victims against the Sri Lankan Board Presidents XI in the team's opening match at Moratuwa. The Worcestershire batsman took three catches in the first innings, and three more catches and a stumping in the second.

lanfair boss: We were shocking

RHYS Stephens will be looking for a stirring re-sponse from his Llanfair United players in Sat-urday's trip to Holyhead Hotspur as they battle to escape relegation danger in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

United were plunged back into trouble after their 4-0 hammering at basement rivals Buckley Town, a defeat that kept them fourth bottom, and anxiously looking over their shoulders at the three teams who lie just one point below.

"We were shocking, and if we play like that then we will go down," admitted manager Stephens.

"But we can't sit around sulking and moaning,

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

we've got to put it behind us, and I'm looking for a reaction at Holyhead on Saturday.

"Fortunately, performances like that have not happened very often this season, so hopefully we can go on another little run.

" $\bar{\text{It}}$'s not all doom and gloom. We can't be as good every week as we were when we beat Cefn Druids in the Welsh Cup, but we can't afford to be as bad as we were against Buckley."

s bad as we were against Buckley." **GUILSFIELD** boss Dan Barton will also be

looking for his side to show a winning mentality after being held 1-1 at 10-man Penrhyncoch.

Despite leading through James Henderson's header, the Guis found themselves on the back foot in the second half and conceded an injury time leveller

"It was two points dropped again - you could see it coming after we went into our shells and sat at deeper and deeper," he said.

"We had five players out, but the side we put on the pitch should have been good enough to win

Llan handed tough trip in Wales Cup

LLANRHAEADR face a tricky trip to Cymru Alliance side Penrhyncoch in the quarter-finals of the Central Wales Cup. It's going to be a big ask for Llan whose form has fluctuated this season, while Penrhyn have proved a tough nut to crack at their Cae Baker base.

Although the date for the tie is March 4, it is likely to be played in midweek as the Roosters have a Cymru Alliance fixture on that day.

Elsewhere, Rhayader Town visit holders Carno, while Caersws entertain local rivals Llanidloes Town.

After Llanfair United pulled out of the cup, the Central Wales FA said it will review the competition for next season to ensure the top clubs stay involved.

United's withdrawal came after being told their fourth round date at Rhayader Town would have to be honoured on the same day as their Cymru Alliance clash with Guilsfield.

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Several problems have arisen with cup conference dates clashing with the Cymru Alliance fixture list, something the cup organisers want to discuss for next season to ensure continued participation of senior clubs.

"It is a fantastic competition, one made all the richer for the bigger clubs entering and we must address this issue now before such clubs decide it no longer viable or worth their while," said CWFA chairman Will Lloyd-Williams.
"I am disappointed at the loss of Lla-

"I am disappointed at the loss of Lla-nfair United from this season's compe-tition and hope we can work to ensure such problems are not repeated next

Season."
Full quarter-final draw: Carno v Rhayader, Penrhy-ncoch v Llarnhaeadr, Caersws v Llanidloes, Aberaeron v Radnor Valley or Tywyn Bruncrdg. Matches sched-uled to be played on Saturday, March 4.

Pool look to build on timely victory

WELSHPOOL Town were this week celebrating only their third win of the season in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

Goals from Ricky Litchfield and Will Pritchard secured a long overdue success as Pool overcame Bow Street 2-0 at Maesydre. Although they remain next to bottom of the table, they are now just

bottom of the table, they are now just three points adrift of Tywyn Bryncrug and will hope for more of the same away to Machynlleth on Saturday.

It was also a good day for BERRIEW who boosted their title hopes with a hard-fought 1-1 draw at close rivals Carno, Matt Mumford cancelling out an opener from Peter Rees, both goals coming in the second half.

With leaders Rhayader losing to Aberaeron, the Rhiewsisers are now just two points off top spot, with a game in hand. Berriew look to maintain their challenge away to Radnor Valley on Saturday, and boss Dave Jones said: "Three's still a long way to go with some tough

still a long way to go with some tough games left, and I'm sure there will be more twists and turns before the end of the season."

Llanrhaeadr, who returned to form last weekend with five goals against Hay St Mary's, face a tough trip to Abeaeron while rock bottom Montgomery are away to Bow Street.

INS READY TO BOUNCE BA

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

BOSS Craig Harrison insists The New Saints will shrug off their first defeat of the season when they visit St Mirren for Sunday's IRN-BRU Scottish

Cup semi-final (4.10).

It will be the battle of the Saints as TNS head north of the border looking for a place in the final of a competition they have entered for the first

time season.

The runaway Dafabet Welsh Premier pacesetters make the trip to Paisley on the back of a 1-0 loss at Carmarthen Town, their first defeat in any competition this season. But Harrison says there will be no hangover as his high flying side look to quickly get back to winning ways in pursuit of an historic quadruple this season.

"That defeat will have no bearing at all," he said. "You want to win every game you play, so we will dust ourselves down and go again for what

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said. Tou want to win every game you piay, so we will dust ourselves down and go again for what will be a tough game.

"It would have been more disappointing had we not played well, but the lads were excellent, but it was not to be our day.

"We turned the screw in the second half, pinned them back, but just could not get the goal when the opportunities came along.

"Carmarthen are strong, physical and well organised. We had chances, but did not take them."

Despite the defeat, TNS are still an imposing 21 points clear at the top, and four points from their remaining eight outings would secure an 11th league title in their history.

The Saints will be making their third trip north of the border for the IRN-BRU Cup after overcoming Forfar Athletic 3-1 and Livingston 3-0 in the earlier rounds.

St Mirren have suffered a difficult campaign, and are currently rooted to the foot of the Ladredge Scattish. Charmicaching course points.

and are currently rooted to the foot of the Ladbrokes Scottish Championship, seven points adrift. Nevertheless, it promises to be the toughest test so far in the competition for TNS if they are to make the final. The game will be screened live on S4C.

The other INN BRIL Concession final between

The other IRN-BRU Cup semi-final, between Queen of the South and Dundee United, will be contested on Saturday, with the final will be played on the weekend of March 25/26.

Moreton ski to national title



The Moreton Hall skiers (from left): Freya Reeves, Charlotte Brown, Georgie Reeves and Alysha Brown with Ski 2 race trainer John Stewart

FOUR Moreton Hall skiers turned on the style

on the slopes to be crowned national champions of this year's British Schoolgirls Races.
This large scale event attracts competitive skiers from all over the UK and over 150 pupils made the journey to Flaine in France in order to compete. And the Moreton team returned to compete. And the Moreton team returned to Shropshire victorious, with eight medals in tow and a new title to their name – the best overall team.

The team comprised Alysha Brown (14), Charlotte Brown (13), both from Chirk Bank, and Freya Reeves (14) and Georgie Reeves (13), both from Malpas.

The British Schoolgirl Races are renowned for being the starting point and precursor of many successful skiing careers.

Olympic ski champion Chemmy Alcott com-mented: "Flaine has always been integral to me as a ski racer and ski fan. It is where my incred-ible passion for ski racing started."

The competition was attended by Britain's brightest and best aspiring sking stars and, despite the wet snow and slushy conditions, the

despite the wet snow and slushy conditions, the Moreton team sped their way to victory with consistently clean and fast runs.
Moreton skier Charlotte Brown commented: "It was an amazing experience. Any nerves I had, I left them in the start gate as I raced to the finish."

The continued support from tour agency Ski 2 and the specialist training from Ski 2 race trainer John Stewart helped them achieve their goal.



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